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PM ready to defy defeat

Labour sets treaty trap for Major

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

With defeat for the government still the probable outcome tomorrow, a further challenge is promised if the prime minister defies a Commons vote

LABOUR leaders are meeting tonight to plan a fresh Maastricht hazard for John Major after his clear indication yesterday that he is ready to defy a Commons defeat on the social chapter.

Mr Major is expected to face a motion of censure in the Commons on Monday if he refuses to bow to a vote tomorrow that would require him to accept the social chapter workers' rights provisions before ratifying the treaty.

His intention to refuse to accept such a vote was the clear impression Mr Major deliberately left with MPs yesterday when he said that last night's passage of the Maastricht bill into law "was clearly the will of the House". He added that the social chapter was "an unemployment charter, a socialists' charter and we want nothing of it". The implication he intended to convey was that he was determined to ratify without the social chapter once the Rees-Mogg court case is over, because Parliament has backed the treaty he signed at Maastricht.

John Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, will propose to the shadow cabinet tonight that if Mr Major refuses to promise immediately that he will implement a Commons vote in favour of the social chapter, Labour will table a motion for debate on Monday expressing no confidence in the government's handling of the ratification process. His strategy seems certain to be agreed.

The calculation is that a motion framed in that way would attract the backing of Conservative dissidents furious at Mr Major's apparent readiness to press on regardless. Defeat on such a motion would leave Mr Major in grave peril. Conservative loyalists, however, believe that it would fail, because the Ulster Unionists and most of the hardline Euro-sceptics could be guaranteed to oppose a motion whose success could lead to an election.

Despite signs of a weakening of resolve among some of the sceptics, Mr Major appeared last night to be facing the strong possibility of defeat tomorrow. He could lose on the social chapter vote or on the government motion on which the debate is based. Ministers concede that a reverse on the latter would leave the treaty in limbo.

Campaigning yesterday in the Christchurch by-election, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, conceded that clause 7 of the bill, which makes tomorrow's debate necessary, could not be ignored. The implication was that if the government lost, it would have to table a new motion and win support for it to revive the ratification process.

An alternative scenario is a defeat on the Labour amendment calling for the social chapter. Ministers and MPs are putting forward an escape route for the government if that happens.

Mr Major could try to put Labour on the spot by saying that he will introduce a white paper or even a new Maastricht bill in the next session of Parliament that would provide for Britain to adopt the social chapter. In the meantime, he would go ahead and ratify. He could argue that he was taking action to implement the vote of MPs. But when the white paper or bill eventually came before the Commons, the government side, including all its Eurosceptics, would be likely to vote down their own measure.

In the Commons yesterday, the prime minister refused to give any indication of his tactics, repeatedly refusing John Smith's demand to know whether he would implement a Commons vote against him tomorrow.

Labour said that his refusal to spell out that that he would accept the will of the House had to be seen as confirmation that he would defy it. The Tory sceptics said Mr Major was trying to make them feel that a vote against the government tomorrow would be a waste of time. "That cannot be so. There will be uproar if he goes against the will of the Commons," one said.

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Early release: Karyn Smith, shortly after her arrest in 1990, and Patricia Cahill, seen making sweets in Klong Prem prison in Bangkok

Thai king pardons British drug girls

By Lin Jenkins

TWO young British women jailed for heroin smuggling three years ago are expected to return home within the next few days after being pardoned by the King of Thailand.

The families and friends of Karyn Smith, 21, and Patricia Cahill, 20, wept with emotion last night as lawyers and campaigners celebrated news of the release.

John Major disclosed on Monday in the House of Commons that he wrote in February to Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, in support of petitions to King Bhumibol Adulyadej for their pardon. A Downing Street spokesman said his letter did not question the women's convictions or the Thai system of justice. Officials in Bangkok said the pardon was effective immediately although it can take a week to free a prisoner.

Those campaigning for their release had maintained that at best they never carried drugs, and at worst were innocent "mules" who unwittingly carried the heroin for others. The pair, who had never before been abroad, were on an expenses-paid trip to Thailand and The Gambia.

There were doubts last night that those who might have been responsible for their plight would ever be convicted. Stephen Jacobi, solicitor for Smith, said he thought it unlikely that anyone in Britain who might have been behind the smuggling would ever be brought to trial.

Smith, of Solihull, who pleaded guilty, and Cahill, of Birmingham, who pleaded not guilty, were jailed for 25 years and 18 years and nine months respectively for trying to smuggle 30 kilos of heroin out of the country.

Eric Smith, Karyn's father, said: "It is absolutely fabulous news. It was a shock, but it was something I was almost expecting after the comment in the House of Commons that John Major had written to Thailand."

His wife Marilyn said Karyn would have difficulty adjusting to life at home. "When she closes the bedroom door for the first time I am sure it will be frightening for her. She has got to get used to sleeping with 300 people snoring around her."

She said she was overjoyed that the campaign had been successful and knew her daughter was grateful to those friends she made in Thailand who had helped her endure the ordeal. "She is going to miss a lot of the friends she made in prison. She has a lot of compassion for the Thai people."

Pat Cahill, Patricia's father, welcomed the news of the release but claimed that Smith's campaigners' insistence that the drugs had been planted on the pair prolonged their captivity.

"It was ruining their chances of receiving a King's pardon," he said. "For the Thais to release the girls in the face of such criticism would be like them admitting they did frame the girls." Cahill was reported on Monday to have said that they were not set up by Thai police and that "do-gooders" who maintained that they had been were not helping their case. Smith is said to have asked her supporters to stop making such statements. She had previosuly said they had been duped into carrying cases by a man in Birmingham.

Abhisit Vejjajiva, the Thai prime minister's spokesman, said in Bangkok: "This gesture has been made out of sympathy for the girls. It is in no way an admission to appalling allegations made in London, not by the girls themselves, about this case. It is a gesture of magnanimity."

The Foreign Office said yesterday that between 15 to 20 British citizens were still in Thai jails, many of them on drug charges. Mr Vejjajiva gave a warning about any possible film that could be made about the Cahill and Smith case: "If that film were to contain untrue allegations, it might have an effect on the future of other pardon applications for Westerners in Thailand on drugs offences."

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Fears for black family life

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE anti-social behaviour of some black men threatens to accelerate the breakdown of the Afro-Caribbean family in Britain, leading to despair in the community and more single-parent families, according to an academic report.

Geoff Dench, visiting professor of sociology at Middlesex University, has also called for an end to the "academic conspiracy of silence" over investigating West Indian fatherhood. Professor Dench says there are growing pressures from within the Afro-Caribbean community to confront the issue.

"Most West Indian leaders are aware of the need to promote responsible fatherhood, in order to bring men back into full and useful membership of the community," he says. The report, *From Extended Family to State Dependency*, found that 20 per cent of 37 families studied in north London were single-parent households.

The study's findings are supported by 1991 census figures, which show that almost 17 per cent of black households are single parent families.

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Fayeds to sell House of Fraser

By Jon Ashworth

HOUSE of Fraser, Britain's biggest department store chain, is coming back to the stock market after an eight-year break, giving thousands of small investors the chance to buy a slice in Army & Navy, Dickins and Jones, and other household names.

The Egyptian Fayed brothers, who won control of the group, along with its Harrods *flagship*, in 1985 after a controversial £615 million takeover battle, are selling out to reduce their debts. Harrods is not part of the deal. The launch is likely to take place next spring.

The flotation, one of the biggest in UK retailing for years, will give investors a chance to buy into 59 stores from Inverness to Plymouth. Stores owned by the group include DH Evans, Barkers, Kendals, Rackhams and Dingles.

While the fine details have yet to be worked out, incentives for House of Fraser's 480,000 active account customers and 800,000 card holders may be part of the package. Share options for the 6,900 employees are another possibility.

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Police mass in anger at Sheehy revolution

By Michael Horsnell

ALMOST twenty thousand policemen massed at Wembley last night in an unprecedented protest against the proposals of Sir Patrick Sheehy to revolutionise the service.

Amid the extraordinary anger officers of all ranks, equivalent in number to more than one-third of the entire country's off-duty policemen, crowded into the stadium.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, declined an invitation to attend the rally but sent a message offering discussions with police and promised not to rush into introducing changes.

That was not good enough for the policemen whose anger has not been felt so strongly since the 1919 strike of London policemen. Under the slogan *Keep The Blue Lamp Burning*, police listened to the recorded music of Dire Straits before Alan Eastwood, the chairman of the Police Federation, attacked the proposals as a "monumental blunder" which has "thrust this service to the edge of a cliff".

Messages of support sent by 24 chief constables of the 51 constabularies in the United Kingdom were read to officers before addresses from Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, and Robert MacLennan, the Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman.

A special train for 500 officers from Scotland was laid on but most policemen arrived in a number of coaches that normally accompanies an international football match. The rally cost a total of £250,000.

In a devastating attack, Mr Eastwood, the outgoing chairman of the federation, condemned the Sheehy proposals — which envisage a service ruled by market forces, including performance related pay, short-term contracts, and limitations on sick pay and pension rights — as a disaster.

He accused Kenneth Clarke, the former home secretary who ordered the enquiry, of handpicking the Sheehy team after already deciding that the answer to all problems of policing lay in pay. "What was needed was the stick and carrot approach," said Mr Eastwood. "He would provide the stick and we would pay for the carrots. And so he assembled his team to produce a report that would confirm his prejudices."

Mr Howard's message, expressing regret that the federation had rejected outright the Sheehy report, was read out in silence to the anxious officers.

Chief Superintendent David Golding, president of the Police Superintendents' Association, said of the Sheehy team: "They were selected because of their business and commercial experience. They totally ignored the history and culture of the police service."

Last night's rally coincided with the acceptance by the police service of a 1.5 per cent pay rise across the board, although the federation had asked for 3.7 per cent.

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Eastwood: launched a devastating attack

Gay serial deaths: man is arrested

By Nicholas Watt

DETECTIVES were last night questioning a man arrested in connection with the serial killings of five homosexual men in London.

The man, in his late 30s, was detained in Essex and detectives are treating his arrest as a breakthrough in their four-month hunt.

Police released a video picture earlier this month of a man accompanying Emanuel Spiteri, the fifth and latest victim of the killer. They later released an enhanced version and said they were confident that anyone who knew the man would recognise him from it.

The first victim was Peter Walker, a 45-year-old theatre director who was working on the West End musical *City Of Angels*. In March his body was found strangled and trussed up in his flat in Battersea, southwest London.

Other victims were Christopher Dunn, a 37-year-old librarian found asphyxiated at his hime in Wealdstone, north London, on May 30; Perry Bradley, 35, an American who die on June 4 at his home in Kensington, west London; and Andrew Collier, 33, a caretaker who died on June 9 in Hackney, northeast London.

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Police report no trouble as 17,700 members of the force gather in protest

SIMON WALKER



If the hat fits: PC Roy Marshall keeps the peace, patrolling among fellow officers as they gather at Wembley Arena in London for their protest meeting yesterday

Wembley resounds to angry chorus over Sheehy report

Alan Hamilton *relishes the rare and curious sight of one sixth of the nation's police force gathered together in one place*

NOT so much a Wembley football crowd, with their beery chants and scrap heap clothes. More a Chris de Burgh pop concert: middle-of-the-road, no aggro and, naturally, a complete sell-out.

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, does not look like a pop singer, more like Roy Hattersley after a good steam bath and haircut. And his theme song was not *Lady In Red* but the more prosaic *Keep the Blue Lamp Burning*. Still, he could have been the very reincarnation of Elvis; he only had to announce the names of his fellow speakers on the platform to draw a fusillade of cheers, stomps and wild applause.

Police officers patrolling political demonstrations have a bad habit of seriously underestimating the crowd to enquiring reporters. No such problem yesterday. All 11,700 seats in Wembley Arena were filled, another 3,000 off-duty officers watched on closed circuit television in an adjoining hall, and yet another 3,000 filled a third hall where they could see and hear nothing. Hundreds more milled around in the street outside.

Shortly before the two-hour rally began, large numbers were seen walking in the opposite direction from the arena towards what passes for civilisation in the Wembley area, and enquiring of any passer-by whether the arid wastes of northwest Neasden contained any pubs.

Chief Insp John Reynolds was one of only eight men in uniform. As head of operations at Wembley police station, his task for the afternoon was to police the police. "A very low-key operation — a sergeant and six constables. We are here only for contingencies: with so much advance publicity, we have to be on the look out for anyone with a grudge against the police."

There had been no trouble at all, said Mr Reynolds, who was no more impressed with the Sheehy report than his colleagues inside the hall. Crowd control was in the hands of the red-jacketed stewards of the Wembley complex, who attended to their task so efficiently that they provided an unconscious advertisement for police privatisation. They were, of course, not stewarding a Millwall game.

No demonstration is complete without placards. "Stop smoking: you're keeping Sheehy in a job" read the only one on view. Sir Patrick heads a firm that used to be known as British American Tobacco.

It is a rare and curious sight to see one sixth of the nation's entire police force gathered together in one place. An Italian professor at the turn of the century reckoned he could spot a criminal by his physiognomy, but he would have been hard pressed to identify a policeman out of uniform. Except, perhaps, by the universal ghost of a smile at having been awarded a 1.5 per cent pay rise yesterday. The timing of the announcement was, of course, purely coincidental.

Mass protest, page 1

'Activity reports' defended

POLICE on the Isle of Wight have denied setting up a "league table" of officers after introducing regular performance reports.

Many officers are unhappy about the "activity assessments" which involve each shift having to fill-in details such as the number of arrests, cautions, and parking tickets issued in a given period.

Inspector Paul Newstead denied that the system would lead to officers arresting or cautioning more people or issuing more parking tickets simply to gain "brownie points" over other shifts. "We have stressed that the new activity report is not a league table," he said. "It is not universally popular, but then if you had a barbecue there is always somebody who would not like it.

"It is meant to help management make management decisions, such as over where manpower may be most needed, or tell us what types of crime are more prevalent in particular areas.

"It is no different to performance assessments in industry — and similar to that introduced by other forces. We only introduced the format this month so it is too early to assess its benefits."

Insiders polish up federation's image

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE police lobby has become one of the most formidable in Parliament. In the past year the image of the 127,000 strong Police Federation, the official body which acts for all officers below the rank of superintendent, has been sharpened by the public affairs consultants, Westminster Strategy.

The company is paid about £50,000 a year and is orchestrating police opposition to the Sheehy proposals on police pay and responsibilities.

Prior to that, since 1955, the federation's interests had been safeguarded by only three advisers: first James Callaghan, then Eldon Griffiths, the former MP, and since 1989 Michael Shersby (Con, Uxbridge).

The current campaign against performance related pay, fixed term contracts and plans to end perks such as housing allowances, had an immediate political impact.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, is aware that the police stand only behind the armed forces in public esteem, according to recent opinion polls which also put MPs at the bottom of the pile. The public relations exercise mounted by the federation has also coincided with improved relations between police and the Labour party.

The federation is spending an estimated £300,000 on its advertising and lobbying campaign against the Sheehy report. It has launched full-page advertisements in the national press quoting the former prime minister Lord Callaghan's description of Sir Patrick Sheehy's report as "a series of dogmatic conclusions backed with very little argument and based upon an inaccurate analysis."

Campaigning is likely to go on throughout the summer and the police are then expected to take their case to the party conferences.

Martin Brown, Westminster Strategy's account manager for the Police Federation, said yesterday: "The strength of feeling of the police over the Sheehy report is actually where the strength of the lobby comes from. Sheehy has achieved something quite remarkable. He has united the police service in opposition — from the federation to the Association of Chief Police Officers. Nothing like it has produced such a formidable lobby."

Police, who pay a small levy to the federation from their pay packets, have not been allowed to strike since the Police Act of 1919. The act was passed following a strike in London, led by an unofficial trade union, and resulted in the formation of the non-political federation.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Ministers spared a jungle beating

By far the most interesting question for defence minister Malcolm Rifkind yesterday was never asked. At question 5 the order paper bore the name of Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab, Crewe & Nantwich). The redoubtable Dunwoody was to ask ministers about "British Army training in jungle warfare". She should know.

First elected more than a quarter-century ago, Mrs Dunwoody is an awesome figure of a woman. On the hard right of her party about two decades before her party had a hard right, this is a lady who, on form, takes no prisoners. It is believed that Gerald Kaufman trained at the Dunwoody Academy of Crude Political Invective, but her party has made little use of her. Labour's senior ranks have never forgiven her for being right about ideology 20 years before their own leaders.

But the Conservative party did employ Mrs Dunwoody. She was used for jungle warfare training for new Tory recruits. As one such, your sketchwriter remembers being placed (soon after being elected) on two successive standing committees, opposite Dunwoody. She beat up each young Tory backbencher, one after the other and then in batches. For amusement she would sometimes beat up someone on her own side, too. I remember, after a bruising encounter in which she insinuated that I was a Nazi, being comforted by a cabinet minister who explained that, in their time, many colleagues had been toughened up by being thrown into the ring like that with Gwyneth.

So what, MPs wondered yesterday, did she have in mind for the Army's jungle warfare training programme? With the loss of Belize, a cost-effective substitute might be for squaddies to stalk Mrs Dunwoody across the Staffordshire moors. It puts one in mind of the tourist in Kenya whose wife was cornered by a wildebeeste. Distraught companions asked him what was to be done.

"Nothing," replied the husband. "He got himself into this, and he can get himself out of it".

To everybody's disappointment, question 5 was never asked. Mrs Dunwoody was away somewhere. Where, we may guess if tomorrow we read of the battered bodies of army recruits, discovered on the moorland above Leek.

We did, however, discuss question 4. This was from the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes (Southwark & Bermondsey), who was enquiring how much land the ministry of defence own, and what plans they had to dispose of it. A junior minister, Jeremy Hanley, gave the answers in hectares.

Heetares? Up jumped Ruislip's John Wilkinson, a tall, stooped, precise young man, with a permanently raised eyebrow on all things European. What was wrong with good old-fashioned acres, he asked?

Hanley attempted the schoolmasterly put-down. There were 2.2 acres to the hectare, he snapped: Wilkinson could do the arithmetic himself.

Hanley, remembering his student days, was assuredly right that there are 2.2 somethings to the something. Unfortunately, there are 2.2 pounds to the kilogram. There are 2.471 acres to the hectare. Labour's John Reid gently reminded the defence minister of this.

The minister should have stood his ground. He should have insisted he had been misquoted, or that the metric system was wrong. He should have mocked Reid's pedantry. Hanley would benefit from ten rounds with Mrs Dunwoody.

But this minister just blushed. Some of them, it seems, still can.

Far-reaching report has been misrepresented by critics

Colin Campbell *was on the Sheehy report team. He defends it against critics on the force*

The final report produced by Sir Patrick Sheehy's enquiry into police rewards and responsibilities, on which I served, is long, thorough and immensely practical. It suggests significant reforms and the changes called for are far-reaching.

It is therefore both disappointing and depressing that some police spokesmen have rejected it out of hand before they even had a chance to read it.

Perniciously, there is an attempt to claim that because Sir Patrick is a businessman, the report facilely seeks to transplant private sector practices into the public sector. In fact, some of us have spent all or part of our lives in the public sector.

Critics of the report are misleading. Sheehy wants a salary cut for new entrants to the police service, from £12,555 to £10,630, they say. What the report actually argues for is greater flexibility in offering initial salaries, to meet local needs and take account of recruitment market factors. Senior police management should determine salary, paying attention to the relevant experience of entrants and any difficulties in filling posts.

Equally extreme has been opposition to extending the normal retirement age from 55 to 60. It is absurdly suggested that Sheehy envisages forces depending on grandfathers in full riot gear. Is the front line in public order incidents currently packed with 54-year-olds? Simply put, we argued the case for forces continuing to be able to employ experienced officers. Some of them are better able to decide how to cope with difficult situations than younger officers.

Wherever we went in our enquiries we were told by police officers of all ranks: "Help us get rid of the 'uniform carriers'." When the inquiry commended fixed-term appointments for officers we had this in mind. But we also wanted to offer sensible exit points so that policemen and women could decide if they wished to move to another career. At different ages, they might want to choose a different occupation or a new challenge, and we sought to facilitate this.

For some policemen to claim that they — and they alone — need a job for life is not an argument that should be accepted. Many policemen are dedicated to the service and nothing in the report inhibits good officers making the police service their one long-term occupation. We seek to offer greater rewards and opportunities for officers who wish to do so.

Many people told the enquiry that police morale was very low. We came to understand some of the reasons over the past 12 months. Many police officers, unfortunately referred to by superiors as "the shop floor" told us they were very badly managed. Yet chief officers complained they lacked the tools to manage effectively.

Morale is raised when people are led and managed effectively. Overlapping roles and responsibilities and the convoluted rank structure are clear impediments to effective management. The pay system concentrates hugely on length of service and unjustly takes no account of an officer's performance, whether poor, satisfactory or outstanding.

Chief officers already take account of different policing conditions and endeavour to deploy officers appropriately. Why should there then be such upset at the idea of explicitly evaluating performance on the job? When we asked the question, we found no single police manager without a clear professional opinion on the relative performance of his junior officers.

It may be there is little experience so far in operating fair and explicit performance appraisals, but that does not mean the skills cannot be developed. Indeed, the report suggests ways in which this may be done. The enquiry team has aimed to show how a better-led and managed police service can be provided.

The police should be accountable for what they do on society's behalf. Public confidence in them should be boosted as a result. Having forces with fewer overheads and led by chief constables empowered to manage and to arrange for more officers to be engaged in direct policing work is surely in everyone's interests.

It is staggeringly complacent to claim that the existing roles, responsibilities, rank structure and rewards have led to an efficient police force. It is depressing in the extreme that no alternative suggestions were made before the enquiry was established. It is even more disappointing that no alternatives to the enquiry's recommendations have been proposed since the publication of our report.

Colin Campbell is vice-chancellor of the University of Nottingham

NEWS IN BRIEF

Loyalist bombers attack politicians

The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters gave a warning of further attacks against nationalist politicians after two devices exploded and one was defused at the homes of an MP and two local politicians in Belfast early yesterday. Nobody was hurt in the attacks, which were of a type more commonly carried out by the IRA.

The first device exploded under the car of Dr Joe Hendron, SDLP MP for West Belfast, just before 1am. Another, found shortly afterwards under the car of Dr Bryan Feeney, a former SDLP councillor, was defused by the army. A third small bomb exploded near the house of Mary Muldoon, an SDLP councillor. The UFF said the attacks were a protest at Dublin's involvement in Northern Ireland.

Tamils held at airport

Twenty men and women believed to be Tamils from Sri Lanka seeking political asylum were being questioned and held at Manchester airport yesterday. They had apparently travelled via another European country and not on a direct flight from Sri Lanka. None of them had the necessary visas and documents to allow them into the country.

Aids claim investigated



Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, left, is to examine claims made by BBC's *Panorama* that dental patients are running a risk of contracting Aids. A question to the prime minister in the Commons by Jon Owen Jones (L, Cardiff Central) raised the programme's claim that the motors used to drive deutists' drills and cleaning devices can harbour pathogens including the Aids virus.

Rude consultant sacked

A doctor who claimed she had an affair with the former head of the NHS trust that employed her was sacked yesterday for being rude and aggressive. Brian Milstead, the new chief executive, said the behaviour of Dr Helena Daly, 41, a consultant haematologist at Treliske hospital in Truro, Cornwall, had led the department to the brink of collapse.

Extradition case delay

A Gibraltar magistrate yesterday refused on a technicality to start a hearing for the extradition of Roderick Newall, 28, a former British army officer, to Jersey, where he is suspected of murdering his parents. Felix Pizzarello suspended the hearing until today because an application for a habeas corpus writ had been made by Mr Newall's lawyer.

Arson boy locked up

A schoolboy caught burgling his former girl friend's house in Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, later threw a petrol bomb into it while the family of six slept. He was convicted of arson and burglary at Teesside Crown Court and sentenced to eight years in a young offenders' institution. The judge ordered that John Rogan, 16, be named.

Major set to defy vote

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dictum that the one essential principle of our constitution is the "obedience of all persons to the deliberately expressed will of the House of Commons".

Mr Major replied: "By some time this evening the European Communities (Amendment) Bill will have passed the Lords and Commons and will have Royal Assent." Referring to Labour's intention to vote against the government tomorrow, he added: "That is clearly the will of the House. Why are you seeking to obstruct it?"

Amid uproar, Mr Smith demanded again: "Do you accept the will of the Commons on whatever subject it is expressed — yes or no?"

Mr Major retorted: "I might ask you, as I just did, exactly the same question. For the clearest possible way to express the will of the House is to pass an act of Parliament, which will have been done with the Queen's Assent by the close of business today."

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Boundary Commission

The Boundary Commission for England has asked us to point out that, contrary to the impression which may have been given in our report on July 6, the 1991 electoral register must form the basis of the current boundary review with regard to the use of the electoral figures, and there is no flexibility in law in that regard.

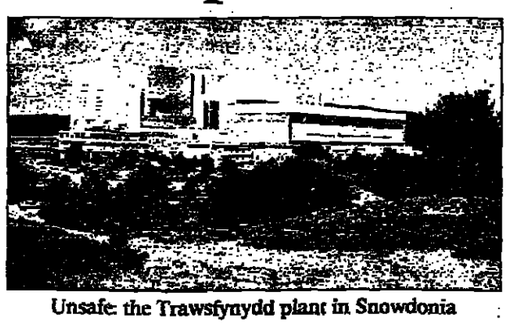
Welsh nuclear plant to shut down

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A NUCLEAR power station in the Snowdonia national park is to close, with the loss of 490 jobs, after the safety inspectorate decided that to resume production could be unsafe.

The 28-year-old Trawsfynydd plant has been shut down since February 1991, when tests pointed to possible weakness in the pressure vessels of the twin reactors. Nuclear Electric, the state-owned operating company, has failed to satisfy the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate that power production could be safely resumed.

The decision is likely to trigger renewed debate about the integrity of some of Britain's oldest nuclear plants and the appropriate method of decommissioning.



Unsafe: the Trawsfynydd plant in Snowdonia

Environmentalists welcomed the decision. Patrick Green, nuclear campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said the station "should have been closed years ago" because of safety concerns and contamination of the lake which provides cooling water, Llyn Trawsfynydd.

But Danny Carrigan, national officer for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, expressed concern about the loss of highly skilled jobs in an area with few similar employers. He said the AEEU would encourage Nuclear Electric to offer staff work at the more modern Wylfa nuclear station on Anglesea. "The union will not accept compulsory redundancies in any shape or form."

John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, said he believed Trawsfynydd could have been safely restarted, but the delay in reaching agreement with the NII meant further investment would not be recouped within the lifetime of the plant.

Nuclear Electric spent more than £10 million in an effort to satisfy NII concerns. It faces a bill estimated at £150 million for decommissioning the plant.

'We knew we were smuggling something but I swear I never knew it was heroin'

Ordeal is over for naive victims of the drug smugglers

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND BILL FROST

■ A holiday in Thailand was the bait. Jail sentences of 25 and 18 years for drug trafficking was the eventual price

WHEN Patricia Cahill was approached by a Birmingham businessman in June 1990 offering what appeared to be the holiday of a lifetime to the Far East she had no difficulty in convincing her flatmate Karyn Smith to accompany her.

For reasons they failed to question at the time, their mysterious benefactor Adrian was willing to give both girls an all-expenses-paid trip to Thailand. At the last minute he told the teenagers he could not go with them but "would catch up with them later". He never did.

The young West Midlands women had never before left Britain. Naive and inexperienced but with an appetite for the good life, they were ideal dupes for the international drug smugglers who had picked them as couriers. Cahill first met the man she knew as Adrian at a Birmingham nightclub. She said he was "well-spoken, expensively dressed and drove a smart car". They saw each other socially a few times before he asked her to go to Thailand and return to Britain via The Gambia, in West Africa, another well-known staging post on the drugs trail.

After their arrival in Bangkok, the two girls checked into the Grace Hotel, one of the Thai capital's best-known nightspots, where "hostesses" ply their trade. Cahill and Smith spent two weeks shopping, sightseeing and visiting nightclubs. They also travelled to Chiang Mai, the Thai town on the edge of the "Golden Triangle", where the bulk of Southeast Asia's opium is processed into heroin.

On July 18, 1990, the girls arrived at Bangkok airport to catch their flight home to Britain via The Gambia. They were carrying two large suitcases and four pieces of hand luggage. Before they could check in police took the pair into custody. Their luggage was later searched by customs officers, who said they discovered 26kg of heroin with a street value of £4 million.

In court, police said Smith's bag contained seven cans of soft drink powder and seven bottles of liquid soap and shampoo. Cahill's had nine tins of sweets and drink powder, as well as five shampoo bottles. The court heard that 21 of the containers had been filled with a white powder which, tests showed, was in fact heroin.

Cahill, 17 when she was arrested, was jailed for 18 years and nine months for drug trafficking. However, as a juvenile under Thai law, the maximum term for such an offence is only seven years.



King Bhumibol: pardon for Cahill and Smith

Smith, 18, received a 25-year term from the court, having pleaded guilty to the charges against her. However, the judge accepted a plea in mitigation that she had not known there was heroin hidden in her luggage.

After sentencing the two girls were taken to the Women's Correctional Institute, in Bangkok, where prisoners sleep on the floor in overcrowded dormitories. The two girls eventually adjusted to life behind bars, but their friendship began to disintegrate.

From the day they were arrested, the girls' parents campaigned tirelessly for their freedom. They insisted that the pair had been wrongfully convicted and would never knowingly traffic in drugs. Others said they had been framed by Thai police.

News of the royal pardon came just a day after Downing Street confirmed that John Major wrote to the Thai prime minister, Chuan Leekpai, last February to support the women's petitions.

In a written parliamentary answer this week, Mark Lennox-Boyd, the Home Office minister, said: "In his reply, the Thai prime minister acknowledged our support for the petition and gave assurances that the Thai government is doing its best for the girls' well-being."

To gain a pardon, Cahill and Smith had to waive all objections to their convictions. Only yesterday, newspapers carried pleas from the girls for "so-called do-gooders" to stop interfering in case they jeopardised their chance of a pardon from King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Cahill told the *Evening Standard* in London: "We were not set up by the Thai police. It's a load of rubbish. The problem with so-called do-gooders back home is that they won't believe the obvious. Please ask these silly people in England to shut up. Have they any idea what it is doing to our case?"

Cahill said they were given the containers several days before their arrest. "We knew we were smuggling something but to this day I swear I never knew it was heroin."

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Parents' joy: Eric and Marilyn Smith celebrate the release of their daughter Karyn

Prison regime saps hope and threatens sanity

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BY breakfast the sun is already brutally hot as another day begins in the Bangkok women's prison. Corrugated iron roofing magnifies the sun's stupefying heat in the stinking Lardyow detention house which is home to hundreds of prisoners not far from the Bangkok airport, the favoured route for so much of the drug traffic out of Thailand.

On the floor mattresses are crammed together. It is impossible to move without touching your neighbour. The oppressive temperatures only serve to accentuate the sheer horror of being jailed on a charge for which most Thai prisoners pay with their lives.

When breakfast arrives it is gritty rice and some vegetables with watery tea for most of the prisoners. Many of the Thais depend on their families to bring them food. Even in prison anything is available — for a price — be it food, drugs or medicines. For most Westerners food can be supplied and embassy staff, weary of the procession of hard-luck stories, visit when they can. There is little to do all day except follow the prison regime of keeping floor space clean and trying to retain a modicum of personal cleanliness and pride.

For the Thai women around the two English girls it is much harder to retain sanity and hope. The reality is that any attempt to fight for their own freedom may well implicate much more powerful people in the government, military or police who have the power of life and death over any freedom that they might subsequently enjoy.

13 women of 50 had test tube treatment

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THIRTEEN women aged over 50 have received *in vitro* fertilisation treatment at clinics in Britain, it emerged yesterday. Treatment was successful in two cases and the women gave birth.

The figures, which were released by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and show that the oldest woman treated in Britain was 52, will fuel the controversy about the ethics of helping women to bear babies beyond their natural child-rearing years. An Italian specialist, Dr Severino Antinori, said this week he had treated a 58-year-old British woman, who is now expecting twins, at his clinic in Rome, provoking criticism from British medical experts, churchmen and politicians.

Dr Antinori, who is reported to have treated 90 women in their fifties and sixties, cancelled a visit to Britain yesterday, saying he had received a death threat in an anonymous telephone call from England. He had been due to defend his policy of treating older women at a press conference in London but said he could not put his family at risk.

Profesor Colin Campbell, chairman of the Human Fertilisation Authority, which licenses Britain's 107 fertility clinics, said there was no "magic special age" above which women should not be treated and that deciding who to treat should be left to individual doctors. But the treatment of older women was "not a practice we encourage".

Prof Campbell said: "A number of people are uneasy about tampering with the natural course of events. Clinics have to take account of the welfare of the child. We share the concerns about treating a woman of 55 or 60 who will achieve the age of 70 by the time their little boy or girl is ten."

He added that the use of techniques for selecting the sex of babies is to be banned at clinics licensed by the authority, except where it is done for medical reasons to avoid a sex-linked life-threatening disease.

Lecturer's killer collapses in court

BY PAUL WILKINSON

ROBIN Pask, the Open University student who admits killing an Oxford academic at a summer school, collapsed at Leeds Crown Court yesterday after details of the discovery of his victim's mutilated body were read out.

Pask, 32, a laboratory technician from Horwich, Greater Manchester, denies murdering Dr Elizabeth Howe, 34, within hours of her arriving to give a week-long course at York University on July 25 last year. His plea of guilty to manslaughter due to diminished responsibility had been rejected by the prosecution.

Pask, who is receiving treatment for a gastric disorder, sat with his head bowed as counsel read a statement by Roger Day, the summer school organiser. He said he became concerned after Dr Howe missed both dinner and a meeting with her students.

Mr Day went to her room with a colleague, Nick Bland, and the college porter. The porter unlocked the door with his master key. Mr Day said: "He sprang back in horror and said something like 'Oh my God'. Nick, who had a partial view through the door said, 'There's blood all over the place'."

The jury heard yesterday how Pask had fatally wounded Dr Howe by slashing her throat with a large kitchen knife. He had then used it to mutilate her body. He later told police he had intended killing himself.

After Mr Day's statement, Stephen Williamson QC, for the prosecution, said that a doctor had expressed concern for Pask's condition. As Mr Justice Swinton-Thomas granted an adjournment, Pask clutched his stomach, swayed and collapsed.

Pask failed to appear in the dock for the afternoon session and judge told the jury: "You will see that the defendant is not here. The doctors have advised that he is not fit to be here. It is not surprising in light of the evidence he has had to listen to this morning."

The hearing continues today.

New governors, new drama at BBC

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

AS the government named three governors to help steer the BBC through one of the most crucial periods in its 70-year history, the corporation unveiled a £200 million package of new drama aimed at reversing falling ratings and silencing critics.

The 400 hours of new programmes were revealed as BBC ratings hit a fresh low. Figures for the week ending July 11 showed that BBC1's share of total viewing had dipped below 30 per cent for only the second time in eight years.

In an attempt to reverse the rot, five series, 20 single films and a major adaptation of George Eliot's *Middlemarch* are among new programmes on offer for the autumn season, Christmas and 1994.

Charles Denton, the BBC's new head of drama, came out fighting. "There has never been a more exciting time for television drama," he said. "We will never be afraid to compete in peak-time, and we will continue our commitment to new writing and other work for a more specialised audience."

Under pressure to rebuild a reputation dented by a series of flops, including *A Year in Provence*, *Trainer* and *Eldorado*, Mr Denton emphasised the world-beating quality of BBC drama.

A strong line-up of classic plays on BBC2 has a traditionally highbrow feel combined with the attraction of big-name actors. Bob Hoskins makes his return to the corporation after a ten-year absence in *The Changeling*, by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley, while Maggie Smith, Natasha Richardson, Rob Lowe and Richard E Grant star in Tennessee Williams' *Suddenly Last Summer*, directed by Richard Eyre. Screen One highlights include Alec Guinness, Lauren Bacall, Leo McKern and Jeanne Moreau in *A Foreign Field*.

The drama series and serials units have been merged into one department under Michael Wearing. Mr Denton announced yesterday. Among the autumn serial highlights are several screen adaptations of classic and contemporary novels. *The Buddha of Suburbia*, adapted by the author Hanif Kureishi, provides comedy, while *Scarlet and Black*, Stendhal's tale of seduction and ambition during the French Revolution, is traditional BBC costume drama.

To Play the King, the sequel to the critically acclaimed *House of Cards*, will be shown in the autumn. Neil Kinnock is given a cameo role in another new political drama, *Love and Reason*, but does not prove any acting ability. *Middlemarch*, a six-part, £6 million dramatisation of George Eliot's masterly portrait of 19th century provincial life, is billed as the jewel in the crown. Dramatised by award-winner Andrew Davies, it will go on air in 1994 and stars Juliet Aubrey, Robert Hardy and Rufus Sewell.



Bob Hoskins: returns to BBC

The three governors appointed yesterday were Lord Cocks of Hartcliffe, 64, a former Labour chief whip, who becomes vice-chairman of governors; Margaret Spurr, headmistress of the independent Bolton School girls' division; and Bill Jordan, 57, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, who will serve a second five-year term. The government has been unable to approve candidates for the remaining two seats becoming vacant on July 31. A stern test faces the governors, as the BBC approaches the expiry of its Royal Charter in 1996.

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Police seek clues to Sean's final minutes

BY IAN MURRAY

POLICE hunting the killer of an eight-year-old north London boy last night appealed for help in piecing together the last 25 minutes of his life. They say he was killed only minutes after leaving his home, possibly by someone he knew and trusted in the neighbourhood.

The body of Sean Williams was found in a lift at Norfolk Close, Finchley, less than half an hour after his mother gave him permission to go out and play on his red and white bicycle on Monday evening.

A post-mortem yesterday showed he had been asphyxiated before being partially stripped, bound with white tape, pushed into two black bin-liners and dumped in a lift in a tower block of flats.

Forensic tests are being carried out to see if the boy had been sexually assaulted, but police said last night it was already clear that he had not been seriously interfered with.

Some residents in the block said last night that they had seen the bin-liner bundle on the floor of the lift only a quarter of an hour after Sean left his home. One woman said she had seen the taped bags at about 5.45pm but thought it was rubbish left there by someone too lazy to take it down to the bins.

A man living in the flats was arrested on Monday evening and was yesterday being questioned by police.

Police want to speak to anyone who saw the boy after 5.30pm, when he left his home at the George public house 200 yards from the flats where his body was found at 5.55pm.

"He was very popular in the area and everyone knew him," said Det Supt Duncan MacRae, who is heading the murder enquiry. "Somebody must have noticed him shortly before he died."

As a mark of respect, Sean's school cancelled its sports day, and parents and friends attended a brief memorial service. Many left flowers beside the lift doors with messages of sympathy for his parents and sister Sarah. Sean's parents wept as they knelt by the pile of bouquets.

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In a three-part series beginning today, The Times profiles the new components of post-war British society

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

For much of the past 45 years, questions of immigration and race have been subjects that politicians have publicly avoided — except to offer well-honed platitudes. But, as cabinet papers disclose, ministers were privately concerned about immigration as early as 1955.

Politicians who expressed concern at the effects of immigration on British life were accused of scaremongering or worse. Such were the sensitivities surrounding the subject that no accurate statistics on the non-white population of Britain were produced until the 1991 census. In effect, a modern taboo had been established.

Many of the earliest West Indian immigrants who disembarked from the SS *Empire Windrush* at Tilbury Docks in 1948 had served the "mother country" during the second world war. Greeted by "no coloureds" signs, they were nevertheless welcomed by industry and public services facing a shortage of people prepared to undertake menial jobs.

Despite prejudice of the most overt sort, most found work and built the foundations of a stable life. That same generation of immigrants, now well into retirement, is as perplexed as anyone by the emergence of the alienated underclass (white, as well as black) which dominates the inner cities. Older West Indians speak wistfully of discipline and family life, ideas their grandchildren have all too rarely encountered.

Even those who have become successful are aware of a sense of separateness. Black professional associations have proliferated, their members bound more by colour or race than shared occupation. But unlike the United States — famously described as a "nation of immigrants" — Britain was always a nation with immigrants.

Indeed, immigrant communities which once sought to conquer prejudice by being wholly accepted into British life now aggressively assert their own identity. In the pop culture, they are often the new imperialists, dictating the latest trends in music or fashion. In politics — especially among the Asian and Oriental community — they steer not just by conventional domestic charts, but by a wider world map.

For the next two days this series looks at the West Indian, Asian and Oriental communities, and reports on the New Britons.

THE NEW BRITONS

Young, gifted and black

Richard Ford meets a new generation of professionals who are challenging stereotypes of under-achievement



Achievers: Paul, left, and Michael Williams, right, who set up their own marketing firm, with colleague Duncan Williams

They are the children and grandchildren of West Indian factory hands, postmen and transport workers. Instilled with an older belief in strict discipline, they have been brought up in families which put a high premium on the value of education as a means to a better and more prosperous life. They are the growing black middle class.

See them party at Tamsin's wine bar in Brixton; network in a ballroom in central London; attend the regular meetings of the African and Caribbean Finance Forum in the City. They exchange corporate calling cards, plot new ventures, survey job opportunities and, increasingly, ponder how to help a black community still suffering from above-average unemployment and racial prejudice.

It is a long way from the "No dogs, no Irish, no coloured" message that greeted earlier generations arriving in Britain to do jobs nobody else would touch. But the success of these individuals does not mean that black people, educated or not, no longer face formidable difficulties. Unemployment among black males is 25 per cent, three times the rate for whites. Among 16- to 24-year-olds it is 37.8 per cent — compared with 17.4 per cent for whites, according to Warwick university's ethnic relations centre.

While happy enough to celebrate the achievement of high-profile sportsmen such as Linford Christie and Frank Bruno, many in the community argue that the time has come for young, articulate blacks to present a different image to that of the celebrities.

"Highlighting black boxers and footballers is in itself a danger because it creates a stereotype of the black person," says Michael Williams, who with his brother Paul runs Renaissance, a marketing consultancy. "Blacks are achieving at all levels, and it is them we must promote."

MIDDLE-CLASS BLACKS

Having worked in white companies, the Williams brothers knew the loneliness and isolation of being a black employee. They spotted a niche in the market and launched a company providing marketing expertise and event management to black organisations. As well as marketing Satisfaction, a group of raunchy black strippers, last month they organised the anniversary ball for the Society of Black Lawyers at the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane.

Like other black Britons, the Williams brothers also know about the near invisibility of blacks in management positions. Although the civil service has appointed its first black undersecretary, the failure of the brightest black graduates to win more places in the fast stream causes concern. Even middle-class blacks suspect that behind the glossy literature projecting the message of equal opportunities, many companies are happy to do only the minimum. "The tokenism taking place distresses me. They think that having a few black faces around is all they need to do," Linda Herbert, a black magistrate in Leicester, says.

In a bid to overcome the isolation felt by many blacks, networking organisations are spreading. Mike McLeod, research fellow at Warwick university, says: "There is a group of second-generation black Britons, educated and confident, who are interested in using networking to get to know other black people employed in companies."

Renaissance holds seminars with the objective of removing the invisible barriers that prevent blacks progressing into the management hierarchy and even the police force. (Surprisingly, perhaps, many young, professional blacks remain uncomfortable with the police.)

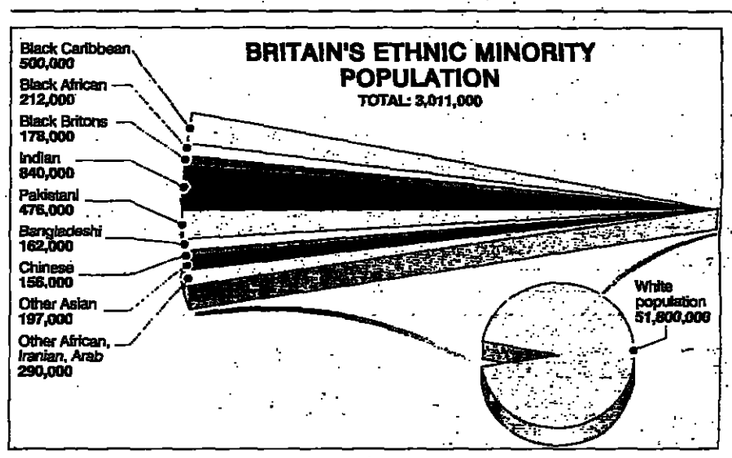
To combat the shortage of role models for black youngsters, the African and Caribbean Finance Forum has developed links with schools having large numbers of Afro-Caribbean pupils, and is planning to arrange bursaries for some students. Initially an informal group, the forum now has 60 members working in the banking, financial and accountancy world.

Mervin Archer, 40, a bank manager who was born in St Lucia, says meetings place the emphasis on how to succeed in the City, rather than on the difficulties facing black people. "We feel we have a wider responsibility to assist our community. What we can do is limited but we might help bring out the talent that is there," Mr Archer says.

Other members of the emerging black middle class, alarmed at the decline of the education system, are paying for additional tuition in West Indian Saturday schools. Over the past few years, as parents have worried that black children are not even expected to achieve — even by black politicians and activists — such schools have spread throughout London.

Mark Sturge, 28, helps teach the three Rs to children at a Saturday school in Willesden, north London. "These are the core essentials without which these children will not be able to exist in life. Black parents want their children to have an education so they can succeed," he says.

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☐ LOCATION: Of 3 million people from ethnic minority groups who make up 5.5 per cent of the total UK population, 44 per cent live in Greater London and 14 per cent in the West Midlands. In inner London, ethnic minorities make up more than a quarter of the population.

☐ No British town has an ethnic minority population of more than 50 per cent and in only 29 of 459 local authority districts do ethnic minorities make up more than 15 per cent of the population. Brent, in north London, has the highest proportion, with 44.9 per cent of its population from ethnic minorities.

☐ In some local authorities there are wards with higher proportions: in Newham, east London, the non-white population of Kensington ward is 74.8 per cent; in Leicester's Spinney Hill ward, 82 per cent.

☐ Projection: the numbers of black and Asian residents will grow significantly, as the communities have high proportions of young people: a third of Britain's ethnic minorities are under 15, compared with 19 per cent of whites.

Fighting on the home front

FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Richard Ford on black men's roles



Female view: Lorna Stewart is angry at some black women

AT 37, John Samuels is a born-again Christian, praising the virtues of a strong family life in which children are cherished and maintained by both their mother and father. He lives with his wife and three young children, aged three months to four years, in Moss Side, Manchester, but has another three children by other women.

His is not an uncommon story among the black community, where men will frequently have several "baby mothers" — women by whom they have fathered children and whom they may or may not support. "Young black youths have one or two baby mothers, and sometimes more," he said. "I am concerned. We need to take on the family planning message and need to care for our children."

"There is a feeling among the younger kids that they need to show their virility by having children," says Norman Mullings, director of Brent community relations council. "It is worrying that men are not taking responsibility for their children. They must realise that a child is for life."

The traditional family unit is under threat in Britain as a whole, but in the black community it is close to disintegration. Two thirds of white families (and four fifths of Asian ones) can still be described as "nuclear", in that they have a stable relationship at their core. For blacks, the figure is less than half.

The black community also has the highest proportion of single parent families — 16.9 per cent of households, compared with 4 per cent among whites and 3.7 per cent among Asians. A study of the 1991 census shows that among the "black other" category, widely taken to mean those blacks born in the UK, the figure rises to 21.6 per cent.

Until recently, few in the black community have been willing to confront the issue of family collapse, and with it the black male's role in parenting. But now the topic is getting a public airing in black magazines and newspapers, which have recently published didactic articles about the condom culture, fatherhood and parenting.

Stephen Small, writing in *The Weekly Journal*, asked why there had been no attempt to "cuss off" black men who had been irresponsible. He wrote: "Some in the white press are petrified at being called racist; others have simply ignored the issue. The black press, apparently, doesn't want to hang out dirty washing."

Explanations abound as to why so many black men fail to be responsible fathers, and why so many of their children end up in single-parent families. Some blame the legacy of slavery resulting in weak conjugal relationships, others the traditional Caribbean extended family in which the child of a man who "sowed his seed" was cared for by a network of relations. Still others point to the modern welfare system, which encourages a woman's independence but marginalises the man, especially if he is unemployed.

Whatever the reason, the community itself recognises that the issue must be confronted. Lee Parker, 34, a youth worker at the Dick Sheppard centre in Tulse Hill, south London, runs counselling sessions for young men and women, some who have failed at school, at which he stresses the importance of achieving, education and the importance of responsible fatherhood.

He said: "I tell them to make sure they wear a rubber if they are going with a girl. They must realise that if they father a baby it is their responsibility. They cannot walk away from it."

But that is not what is happening. One black community worker admitted that many young black men only wanted to "touch down" (have sexual intercourse) and then forget about the consequences.

More black women are now turning to white men as partners, a development which has aroused anger. Lorna Stewart, 19, said: "They probably think a white man offers them more respect." Young black men say that black women are forming relationships with white men as a way of winning an entrée to a society from which they would normally be barred. "If we have no work, how can we offer them much," one black youth said.

But Gary Mason, 24, from Peckham, south London, said: "What is happening is that black women will no longer put up with with black men who 'breed them' [make them pregnant] and leave. She does not want a black man who is on the streets, checking the girls and coming in late at night. They will not put up with it any longer. They believe a white man will treat them better."

WHAT THEY SAID



We must be mad ... to be permitting the annual inflow of some 50,000 dependants. Like the Roman, I see the Tiber foaming with much blood
Enoch Powell, 1968



The next generation — who will not be immigrants but coloured Britons — will expect full opportunities to deploy their skills. If we frustrate those expectations ... we shall ... be creating an American-type situation
Roy Jenkins, 1967



There has been no evidence to indicate that West Indians are less law-abiding or moral than the people of Britain
Sir Grantley Adams, 1961



People are really rather afraid that this country might be swamped by people with a different culture
Margaret Thatcher, 1978

Street authors tell it how it is

Joe Joseph on street-cred culture

IS "black writing" a gloomy literary genre, a darkly humorous prose style, or the latest commercial fashion in British publishing? It wasn't long ago that Ben Okri and Caryl Phillips were the only black writers in Britain that people had heard of, even those dinner-party aesthetes who spend their Saturdays at the local Waterstone's, memorising plot synopses off the latest dust jackets.

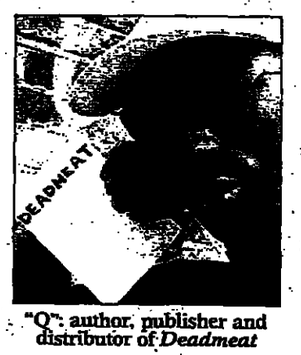
Now publishing executives, awoken by a booming demand for novels written by Afro-Caribbeans, in a street-cred Jamaican argot understood by blacks, about events that mould the lives of blacks in British cities, are scrabbling to sign up black authors, the way bewildered music industry bigwigs chased anyone with a Liverpool twang in the 1960s. Television producers, hungry for ethnic drama, are not far behind. Even W H Smith is starting to put "black fiction sections" in some of its bookshops.

The boom is offering young blacks a career they thought out of their reach. As significant, it is reshaping the way blacks think about their inner-city lives.

"Who's read Ben Okri in the black community?" asks Victor Headley, whose London-drugs-and-gangland novel *Yardie* has blossomed from a home printing sold in Brixton night clubs and Hackney street stalls to a successful, glossy Pan paperback. It is now being scripted for a BBC dramatisation. *Yardie* has sold 25,000 copies, enough to make famous white novelists green.

"Okri's not really relevant to what we're thinking about in the black community," says Headley. "Caryl Phillips? He said recently that he saw very few black faces in the audience when he did readings. Most so-called black intellectuals, like Okri and Phillips, don't live in the community. They don't know what's going on. You can't unless you eat the food every day, walk down the streets, see the kids being arrested. Black culture is a very saleable commodity at the moment. Black culture is the only thing that's happening."

If Headley grabs life by the lapels, "Q" is seizing it by the throat. Q is a 24-year-old black novelist who hawks his self-published thriller *Deadmeat* in nightclubs and from the boot of his blue Ford Escort. The car doubles as a travelling billboard, currently advertising his forthcoming novel, *Supermodel*. *Deadmeat* was inventively published in four instalments: a couple of booklets, followed by an audio-cassette and, finally, a video. Q guessed there were people who might not read but who would listen to a tape or watch a video when they got home from a nightclub. Q is now writing a script of *Deadmeat* for Channel 4, for delivery in September.



"Q": author, publisher and distributor of *Deadmeat*

"I'm realistic," he says, peeking like a panther out of the letter-box slits in his all-wood spectacles. "We live in a culture where there is institutional racism. I decided it's not going to get me down. I know I have a certain amount of talent. I could send the manuscript round to loads of publishers. Why should I bother when I can publish it myself and sell 5,000 copies?"

Steve Pope, co-founder of *The X Press*, which took its publishing plunge with Headley in April last year, also reckons that black mass culture is beginning to have more effect on mainstream culture than ever before. *The X Press* is quietly flourishing, run from Pope's small front room in Hackney, east London. *Yardie*, its first title, was followed recently by Headley's sequel, *Excess*, and by *OPP*, a first novel by Naomi King, 29, a former DSS clerk. Pope hails her as a "street version of Jackie Collins". *OPP* (Other People's Property) logs the infidelity of four Brixton girls who writhe disloyally in the backseats of saloon cars with each other's menfolk. If people think the book paints a negative image of certain blacks, King says: "Real life is much more sordid than what is written in the book." *OPP* has sold 7,500 copies since publication in April.

Yardie charts the violent rise of a Jamaican crack dealer who crosses his bosses on his way to becoming a London gang warlord. Headley, who has reached the age of 34 after a life of "what we call hustling", shakes his head at the audacity of people who think his tales of crack-dealing and gun-running in Hackney and Harlesden ring so true that he must be writing from his personal diary. "If I was white they would have just said 'great research'." Dialogue is in Jamaican patois, partly for authenticity, partly because "when you re-assert your language, you re-assert your roots. Young black kids want to get back to their Jamaican rather than black English culture. I get letters from people who say, 'At last, a book that speaks our language'!"

The style and success of *Yardie* has fired other Afro-Caribbean writers. "Suddenly a lot of black people see themselves as writers," Pope says. "Before, if they wanted to write a novel, they felt they had to write in the traditional novelistic style, like Len Deighton or something. Now they know they can write about their own communities, in their own dialogue."

TOMORROW

IN Bradford, young women go into hiding from their families to avoid being taken back to Pakistan for arranged marriages. Other young Asians seek to express their own identity through raucous Bhangra music. But while a younger generation seeks to break with the old, Asians of all ages increasingly resent lack of recognition from the white majority and failure to gain political representation. Asian leaders warn that their community is losing cohesion and might turn to violence.

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Bottomley to reform rules on care of mentally ill

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TIGHTER rules governing the care of mentally ill people who are discharged from hospital are to be announced by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, following five recent cases involving random killings and attacks by patients with schizophrenia.

The new rules will ensure that mentally ill people living in the community do not lose contact with health and social workers and marks a significant victory for campaigners who have urged reform of the community care policy.

The Times has been at the forefront of the campaign to highlight failings in the policy since it published a series of articles on schizophrenia in 1985 and 1986 by Marjorie Wallace, the award-winning journalist. The series, which provoked a huge public response, led directly to the formation of Schizophrenia: A National Emergency (Sane), a charity run by Ms Wallace.

Announcement of the new guidelines is expected before Parliament rises for the summer recess next Tuesday. Ms Wallace called yesterday for a register of patients at risk and a moratorium on the closure of psychiatric beds while the community care policy is reviewed.

"There is a massive unmet need for health care. More than a third of the 70,000 callers to our helpline last year were from people worried about threatening, bizarre or aggressive behaviour they could not cope with," she said.

The health secretary ordered a review of the law governing the care of patients discharged from mental hospital in January following the case of Ben Silcock, who was mauled after climbing into the lions' enclosure at London zoo. The main problem is seen as how to ensure patients continue to take their medication after discharge.

Mrs Bottomley said improvements were necessary to protect the public as well as the patients, but she has ruled out radical changes to the community care policy. "We need someone who is responsible for chasing up patients when they fall through the net," she said.

Health officials cited a scheme at Westmore day hospital, Wembley, where patients who have been discharged from hospital are allocated a key worker to ensure thay are making progress. Paul Byrne, a staff nurse, is responsible for Edna Cummins, a patient who attends every day. He said: "If Edna didn't turn up I would ring her house and if we didn't hear from her we would be round there within a day."

However, ministers are still undecided whether new legal powers are needed to ensure that patients follow their treatment and do not lose touch with those responsible for them.

A plan for community supervision orders, which would require patients to take their drugs and attend for regular checks, put forward by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, was criticised by the Tory-dominated Commons health select committee last month as undermining civil liberties.

MIKE POWELL



Day-to-day care: Edna Cummins visits nurse Paul Byrne for her daily check

Forgotten patients failed by the system

THE TIMES campaign on schizophrenia, launched on December 16, 1985, switched the nation's attention from the uncaring mental institutions, wracked by scandals in the 1960s and 1970s, to the couldn't-care-less community, where the scandal of neglect and ill-treatment was greater still (Jeremy Laurance writes).

Entitled "The forgotten illness", the campaign provoked thousands of readers' letters which detailed the strain on families, the inadequacy of community services, the pressure on prisons and the increase in vagrancy. Marjorie Wallace, the writer of the series, was made Campaigning Journalist of the Year and set up the charity Sane to raise awareness of the condition and to fund research.

Seven years after *The Times* campaign began, Ms Wallace says growing discontent with the community care policy has finally got through to ministers. "Our campaigning is at last being heard, even if the response is still inadequate," she said.

"What is clear is that the system is not working for people who are acutely ill, who fail to take their medication and then refuse to seek help because they do not believe they are ill. Tragically, untreated illness can lead to violence, which is usually self-inflicted but is often against the patient's family and occasionally against an innocent passer-by."

Sane has established a helpline for sufferers and their families to seek advice — the number is 071-724 8000 — and it is three quarters of the way to raising the £4 million needed to set up a research centre for schizophrenia and depression in Oxford, whose backers include the Prince of Wales, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and a Greek family of shipowners.

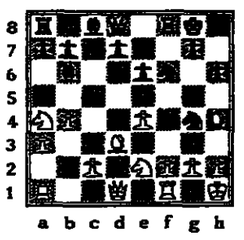
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

TODAY'S sample of play by that great British master and Shakespearean scholar Howard Staunton shows his superb grasp of chess tactics. The queen sacrifice launched by his first move is electrifying based, as it is, on a lethally quiet bishop move in the midst of the conflagration on move 6.

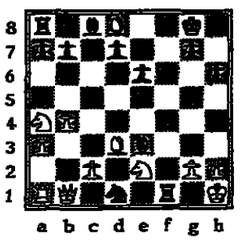
Once again, the moves have been set out between the crisis diagram and the final denouement so that readers new to chess can follow the notation with maximum ease.

White: Kennedy
Black: Staunton
London 1845



1	...	Nxe4
2	Bxc8	Nexd2+
3	Kg1	Nh3+
4	Kh1	Ngf2+
5	Rxd2	Nxf2+
6	Kg1	Be3
7	Qb1	Nd1+
8	Kh1	Rf1+

White resigns



Middlesex County captain Bruce Birchall writes to say that he has played blindfold games on the 5.45 from Ipswich to Liverpool Street. Meanwhile, the Scottish Chess Association has gone one better by organising an entire tournament on a train.

The Inter-City Scottish Blitz Championship was won by Grandmaster Colin McNab. This unusual event acted as a curtain-raiser for the Inter-City Scottish Championships at St Andrew.

The blitz event was played over six rounds between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Unfortunately, two of the international masters competing were late for the first round and so the playing venue left without them!

White: P Jamieson
Black: C McNab
Inter City Blitz 1993

Pirc Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	d6
3	Nc3	c6
4	Nf3	Nd7
5	a4	Bg7
6	h3	Ngf6
7	Be3	Qc7
8	Be2	0-0
9	0-0	b6
10	Qd2	Bb7
11	Bh6	Rad8
12	a5	b5
13	a6	Ba8
14	Bxg7	Kxg7
15	c5	b4
16	Na4	cxd5
17	exd5	Bxc5
18	Nd4	Rb8
19	Nb5	Qc6
20	Nxa7	Qa8
21	Nb5	Bxg2
22	Rfe1	Bxh3
23	f3	Ne5
24	Qe3	Rxb5
25	Bxb5	Nxf3+

White resigns

For yet another tournament on a train try the London-Dundee British Rail championship on July 31st. For details contact the BCF on 0424 - 442500.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

In an earlier column I asked for news about chess played on trains, planes and buses. Readers will have seen the British Rail TV advert in which an old man and a small boy play chess on a train and may have wondered if people do actually play chess on Inter City.

Championship Update

For credit card bookings for The Times World Chess Championship ring First Call on 071 497 9977 24 hours, 7 days a week. Those booking during July will be given in addition a voucher for a free lunch at Simpsons-in-the-Strand worth around £30.

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1.5m Britons risk cancer by drinking too much alcohol

BY A STAFF REPORTER

NEARLY one and a half million people in Britain drink more than the medically recommended safe limits, according to the charity Alcohol Concern, which yesterday published a report on counselling services for people with serious drink problems.

The recommended limits are 14 units a week for women and 21 units for men. A unit equals half a pint of beer, a glass of wine or a single measure of spirits.

Sue Baker, the charity's assistant director, said that in the past two years some 35,000 people had sought help through 57 new projects established by Alcohol Concern. The £6.2 million programme, supported by the health department, is aimed at filling gaps in the existing network of agencies by helping people in isolated rural areas and by providing services specifically for women and black people.

Four projects yesterday received awards from John Bowis, the health minister, at a presentation in London which was hosted by the all-party parliamentary group on alcohol misuse.

A survey in Norway, meanwhile, indicates that non-drinkers are 27 per cent less likely to contract cancer than drinkers. The results of a ten-year study of more than 5,000 teetotallers by the Institute of Epidemiological Cancer Research in Oslo are published today in *The Globe*, the journal of the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS).

It suggests that teetotallers are only half as likely to develop cancers known to be linked to alcohol and are significantly protected from other cancers as well.

"Piece by piece, the health risks associated with drinking alcohol are being put into place," Dr J Stuart Horner, chairman of the IAS, said yesterday.

Pub's profits go up in no smoke

A PUBLICAN who banned smoking in her pub has been forced to back down after profits fell by £14,000 in three months. Donna Swinburn, who runs The Smugglers on the seafront at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, thought that by banning smoking in February she would encourage non-smoking customers.

"We thought it was a good idea as a lot of people didn't like the smoky atmosphere of pubs," she said.

However, profits soon started to fall. Mike Wilson, the pub's manager, said: "We kept on losing money hand over fist." But since lifting the ban, he has watched profits climb by 25 per cent. He said: "We thought people would travel miles for a smoke-free pub, but it seems we were wrong. We've even got a cigarette machine now."

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Gas worker jokes after 'spearing'

A British Gas engineer speared through the stomach with a 20ft metal pole that emerged from his back cracked jokes with rescue workers as they fought to free him. Graham Blakeway, 43, was yesterday said to be in a comfortable condition.

The half-inch-thick pole went straight through Mr Blakeway as he cleaned a mains pipe. One rescuer said the engineer was joking and remained calm throughout his ordeal, which happened as he was working in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, on Monday.

"I understand the pole somehow rebounded and went through him. It was about 20ft long and it came several feet out of his back."

Three charged

Tony Laffan, 29, a fishmonger, and his brothers Christopher, 30, and Darren, 22, all of Islington, north London, were remanded in custody charged with the murder of Cormack Mahon, 36, an accountant.

Vandals hunted

Police were hunting vandals who almost derailed an InterCity train on Monday by placing two industrial gas canisters on the Bristol-Paddington line near Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire.

Officer quits

A police sergeant has retired from the South Yorkshire force after being charged with shoplifting from a supermarket at Barnsley. He will not face disciplinary action.

Show's run cut

Manpower cuts in the armed services have hit the Royal Tournament, which opened at Earls Court, London, yesterday. The show's usual 18-day run has been reduced to 12.

Unplanned toy

Stephen Woodacre, 34, has been told that a toy house he built in his garden at Brotton, Cleveland, for his five-year-old daughter, will require planning permission.

Cardinal condemns gay acts

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CARDINAL Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, has condemned homosexual acts as "objectively wrong".

Cardinal Hume supports a recent Vatican paper which described such acts as "intrinsically disordered". In a statement he says the Roman Catholic Church recognises the dignity of all people and does not define them in terms of their sexual orientation.

He says the church has always taught that the sexual expression of love is intended "by God's plan of creation" to take place within marriage. Such acts "must always be open to the possible transmission of new life", he says. Consequently, the church "does not approve of homosexual genital acts".

Cardinal Hume continues: "When the church describes such acts as 'intrinsically disordered' it means that these acts are not consistent with the two fundamental principles mentioned above. It is in this sense that the church states that there can be no moral right to homosexual acts, even though they are no longer held to be criminal in many secular legal systems."

He says that homosexual inclination is not a sin. "Being a homosexual person then, is neither morally good nor morally bad: it is homosexual genital acts that are morally wrong."

Peter Tatchell, of OutRage, the lesbian and gay campaign group, said Cardinal Hume had failed "unambiguously to proclaim the right of lesbians and gay men to be spared discrimination".

Meteors on target to hit satellites

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A CLUSTER of shooting stars due next month may be powerful enough to shoot down satellites, according to astronomers.

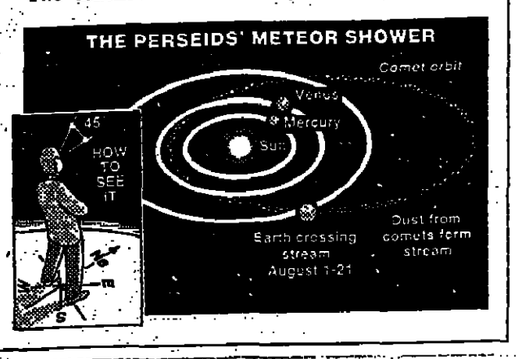
The annual Perseid meteor shower, expected to peak early in the morning of August 12, should be an exceptionally good show this year, the International Meteor Organisation, an international co-ordinator of meteor research, predicts. This is because there are expected to be many more of the tiny particles, or meteoroids, that create the celestial pyrotechnics in the atmosphere.

The meteoroids come from the tail of Comet Swift-Tuttle, which passed through the inner solar system late in 1992. The particles are densest near to the comet, so as the Earth passes through the comet's trail the shower may be especially impressive.

In 1991, the IMO says, the shower produced a peak rate of several hundred meteors per hour for an hour or so. This year, hopes are high of an even greater spectacle.

Two astronomers at the University of Western Ontario gave a warning that if the shower really lives up to predictions, it may damage satellites. In the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, Dr Martin Beech and Dr Peter Brown suggested that the odds that any individual satellite will be hit are low, but not negligible. For the Hubble space telescope, for example, the odds of striking a particle weighing several micrograms or more during a storm lasting 15 minutes is about one in a thousand. Given the hundreds of satellites now in orbit, at least one strike is highly likely.

The optimum time for observations is likely to be 2am British Summer Time on the night of August 11-12. IMO observers will watch from their vantage point in the Alpes de Haute Provence, France. The rest of us are recommended to wrap up and sit in a deck chair, facing north east to east. Given a clear sky and good luck, it could be the experience of a lifetime.



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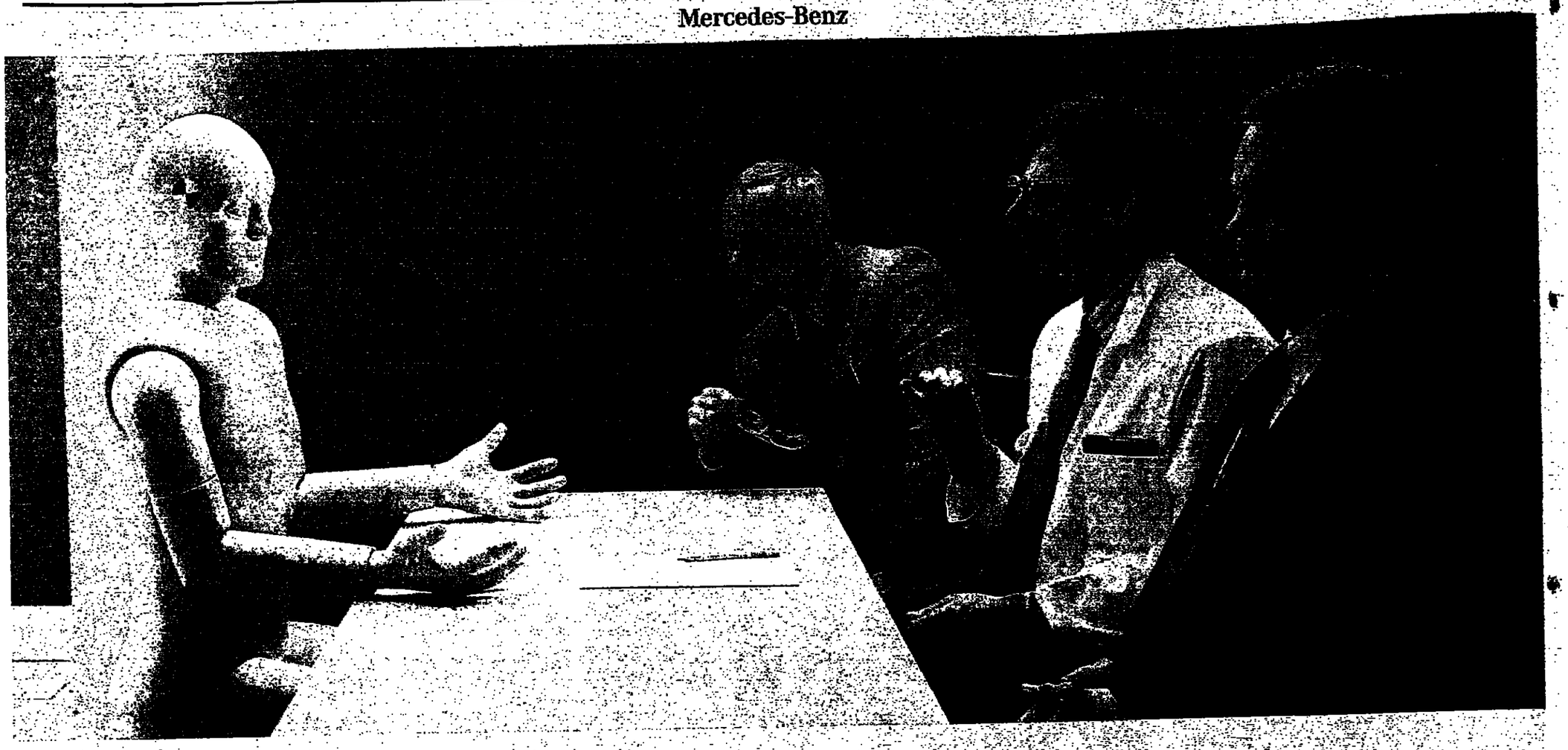
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Maastricht: sceptics fight to the bitter end

Tories accused of dishonest propaganda campaign

BY JILL SHERMAN
ROBERT MORGAN
AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

■ Arguments against the social chapter are "factually misleading, and economically wrong", claims Gordon Brown

THE prime minister and the Chancellor had mounted "a massive and dishonest propaganda campaign" in their attempts to dissuade Tory rebels from voting for the Maastricht treaty's social chapter, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, claimed yesterday.

In the Lords, anti-Maastricht peers kept up their crusade to the end last night as the bill ground its way towards royal assent.

In a speech to the Labour backbench Treasury committee yesterday, Mr Brown said the Tory campaign, which focused on thousands of job losses, was "factually misleading, socially divisive and economically wrong". The social chapter recognised people's talents, skills and motivation, he said. It did not dictate on pay or the right to strike, or inhibit inward investment, as ministers had claimed.

In a separate paper, Derek Fatchett, Labour's industry spokesman, argues that the social chapter would not deter inward investment as wages, productivity and investment were higher in foreign-owned firms than in their UK-owned counterparts. A new analysis of Census of Production figures, compiled for Mr Fatchett by the House of Commons Library, shows that in UK plants of foreign-owned companies wages were 24 per cent higher than in UK-owned firms, productivity 45 per cent higher and investment 92 per cent a head higher.

Mr Brown said one of the main reasons for Britain's competitive weakness was its failure to invest in employees and their personal development. "I would contest that, far from the social chapter harming economic efficiency, [it] can and will enhance economic efficiency by bringing to bear a new emphasis on the skills and values of all employees."

Mr Brown dismissed the "new right" philosophy which argues for a free market with no regulation. Mr Major's government advocated less protection for the employee to encourage motivation. Mr Brown said that most employers would disagree, recognising that better working conditions paid greater dividends in the long term.

Ministers said it would harm inward investment, yet no Japanese company had threatened to leave if Britain implemented the chapter. Ministers said small business would be hit hardest but had failed to point out that there was a waiver for small businesses.

As the bill entered its death throes in the Lords yesterday, Lord Tebbit and Lord Pearson of Rannoch continued as the standard bearers of the Tory Euro-sceptic campaign, tabling a series of amendments.

Lord Tebbit attempted to look beyond ratification to the 1996 inter-governmental conference which he claimed would carry forward the proposals included in the Maastricht treaty. The government, he claimed, was now committed and could not withdraw. Mocking ministerial comments that Britain could bring about change at "the high table" of Europe, Lord Tebbit said: "There is only one table and all 12 members are seated at it."

Amendments affecting the social chapter, economic monetary union, and reform of the common agricultural policy were not voted on.

After all the fuss and the hundreds of hours of debate, the bill's end was expected early today when the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, was due to tell MPs: "I have to notify the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that the Queen has signified royal assent, to the following act: European communities (amendment) act."

The simple, informal procedure was introduced in 1967 after protests from Labour MPs at the disruption caused to debates when the Commons was summoned to the House of Lords "to hear the commission read". The time-consuming ritual angered Labour MPs of the day and on one occasion, rather than interrupt their debate, they refused to go.

Simon Jenkins and Lord Hailsham, page 14

Why vote on social chapter will not close the book

It is time to stand back from the procedural intricacies and tactical manoeuvring of the next few days. No one knows what is going to happen tomorrow night. But the odds are that, whichever way the Commons votes, the Maastricht saga will drag on until the autumn.

That is not just because of the time taken by the legal challenge, but also because tomorrow's debate on the social chapter is likely to end messily. Anything short of an outright government victory would probably lead to a confidence motion next Monday and then an attempt by ministers in the autumn to escape from the social chapter trap. John Major would be further battered by the continuing debilitating row and the Tories would have another bitterly divisive conference in October.

Underlying these arguments is a sharp difference of view not just about the Maastricht treaty but also about the future of the European Community.

There are broadly four views. First, pro-EC ministers argue that ratification of the treaty is desirable both in its own terms and if Britain is to retain its influence in Europe. The treaty offers the advantages of co-operation between governments on foreign and home affairs policies and in its subsidiarity provisions requiring decisions to be taken at a national level, if possible.

Without ratification, an inner core around Germany and France may press ahead with their own plans for European union over which Britain will have little influence. Internal Tory rows would continue. By ratifying, Douglas Hurd argues, most of the Conservative party can unite on an agreed agenda for an enlarged, decentralised and more democratic EC ahead of the next inter-governmental conference in 1996.

Second, Euro-sceptic ministers see less merit in the treaty, and in the case of some ministers, such as Peter Lilley, would not be unhappy if it had to be abandoned. But, so far, they have gone along with ratification in order not to rock the boat and in the belief that the cabinet will not seek to take sterling back into the exchange-rate mechanism and will stay out of any European monetary union. Like Mr Hurd, Michael Howard argues that the Tories can then unite on an agreed European policy which will stop the EC going further down the road to centralisation.

Third, the Euro-sceptics — a hard core of two dozen and at least 40 to 50 sympathisers — not only believe that the treaty is damaging in itself but also that non-ratification will be beneficial. It is better for Britain to get off the train towards EC centralisation now. It therefore does not matter if the rest of the EC goes ahead with plans for closer union since these are certain to collapse. Britain should stand aside, rather than make a fruitless attempt to influence it.

Fourth, the Labour leadership, if not a substantial minority of MPs, and the Liberal Democrats support Maastricht and the social chapter as steps towards European union. They do not believe that they are putting ratification at risk. Some think that they may force the government to adopt the chapter.

At the heart of the debate is the perennial question of how Britain exercises its influence within Europe, by co-operation and compromise or by distancing and, if necessary, semi-isolation. The risk is that Britain will yet again appear a semi-detached member of the EC. Throughout the Maastricht debate ministers have too often sounded half-hearted and defensive about the treaty. That is not the way to win either public support or votes in Parliament.

PETER RIDDELL

How Tory rebels line up to defeat treaty

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE hard core of Tory MPs dedicated to bringing down the Maastricht treaty have one thing in common: none of them has tempered their views under a barrage of threats, appeals or lectures.

After months of calls to constituency chairmen and all manner of petty bullying, they are bound together as blood brothers. Their hatred of the European Commission takes precedence, they believe, over loyalty to the party.

None has achieved, or was ever likely to achieve, high office. Most, but by no means all, still yearn for the deposed queen along the corridor, even if Margaret Thatcher never treated them well when she was prime minister.

WILLIAM CASH, MP for Stafford, is their mentor in the Commons. He is not the traitor, he declares. It is those selling Britain's birthright who are betraying the party.

Mr Cash, of the name-tape family, appears to have become immune to any sort of pressure from the whips. He attracts an unprecedented degree of venom from more Euro-friendly colleagues for his unwavering fight against Maastricht and all its works.

In his support of traditional values, his love of cricket and straight-backed rather wooden posture, he bears a striking similarity to John Major.

CHRIS GILL, MP for Ludlow, is the group's unofficial whip. Dubbed by the whips "the butcher of Ludlow", his family firm, which makes sausages and black puddings, has seen the impact of EC regulations at first hand. He entered Parliament in 1987 as a last-minute substitute.



Gorman: inborn hatred of wet compromisers

MICHAEL SPICER, MP for South Worcestershire, is something of a convert. He was dropped as housing and planning minister by John Major. One of his political thrillers was called *Final Act*.

TERESA GORMAN, MP for Billericay, has an inborn hatred of wet Tory compromisers. Some whips believe the right-wing libertarian would become "sound" if her energies were channelled into a ministerial job.

SIR TEDDY TAYLOR, MP for Southend East, resigned as junior minister in Sir Edward Heath's government over application to join the EEC in 1971. A strict Scottish Methodist who was something of a Thatcherite before she came to power, he goes to war against the Community, the demon drink, vandals and the loss of traditional values.



Cran: was little known before treaty appeared

JAMES CRAN, MP for Beverley, is also one of the group's whips. Another rather puritanical Scot, he was little known before the Maastricht treaty appeared.

RICHARD SHEPHERD, MP for Aldridge Brownhills, was converted to the cause by Sir Teddy Taylor but, unlike him, he is a right-wing libertarian. He developed a taste for rebellion when campaigning for more open government against the Thatcher administrations.

TONY MARLOW, MP for Northampton North, is one of the least politically correct members. He has never held back from defying the whips. But his right-wing, anti-EC, anti-immigration, anti-feminism, anti-abortion views appear to go down well with his constituents.

Scotch group puts temptation in MPs' way

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE future of George Foulkes, a Labour defence spokesman, remained in doubt last night after his arrest for an alleged assault on a police officer. After he was released on police bail early yesterday, he was called before David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, to explain the incident. He did not appear on Labour's front bench during defence questions in the Commons.

Scotland Yard disclosed yesterday that an elderly woman had been taken to hospital in the alleged incident. A spokesman said: "We can confirm that during the course of the incident an elderly woman fell to the ground and received a facial injury. She was taken to a local hospital where she discharged herself later that evening."

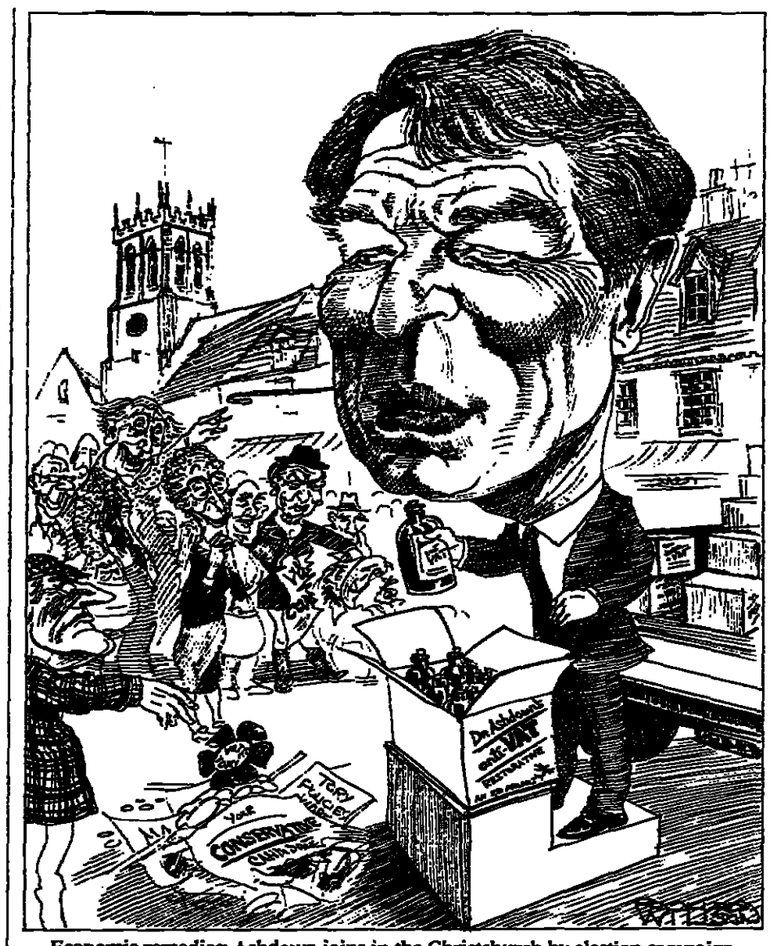
Mr Foulkes, 51, is a JP and MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley. While the incident clearly embarrassed the Labour leadership, colleagues believe his fate depends on whether he is charged and convicted following the incident outside Parliament. They showed some sympathy for his plight yesterday as he was only one of 80 MPs who succumbed to the lure of the Scotch Whisky Association's summer reception. The 60 per cent proof Scotch coupled with the need to vote in a long series of divisions on the education bill proved a lethal combination.

The association cancelled its annual Christmas bash, ironically, because of a three-line whip. Instead it picked Rodin's wine bar in the atrium at 4 Millbank, five minutes from the Commons, for a splendid end-of-term booze-up for MPs, journalists and civil servants.

A spokesman rather plaintively pointed out yesterday that there was coffee, soft drinks and beer on offer. "They didn't have to drink Scotch." No MP — or journalist — has yet been identified who stuck to coffee.

One MP reputedly tried to vote twice in the same division on his return from Monday night's reception.

The Foulkes episode might never have happened if the association had been allowed to hold its reception on the Commons terrace, as many bodies do. Its gatherings always draw a good turn-out at the annual party conferences. However, the object of the exercise is accepted to be the drinking of whisky rather than lobbying.



Economic remedies: Ashdown joins in the Christchurch by-election campaign

Ashdown offers cures for all

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown was doing a brisk trade yesterday as elderly Tory voters presented him with their shopping lists of political grievances.

Almost everybody in Ferndown town centre was worried about a nasty stain on their gas bills. Simple, Mr Ashdown thought there was quite enough VAT already.

Others thought that nice Mr Major was proving too soft. Once glance at Mr Ashdown's resolute profile put their minds at rest. And if Mr Ashdown could not immediately oblige, Diana Maddock, the Liberal Democrat candidate in the Christchurch by-election, was also at hand.

Mr Ashdown and Mrs Maddock strolled through this affluent little town, their sales patter proving irresistible.

Ted Mansfield, 79, said he wanted to enjoy his retirement from a life in the cement trade. "Up to now I thought John Major was all right but he has been overpowered by the other parties. He is a bit soft, really."

Dennis Bell, 72, a former army corporal, was also looking for firm leadership. "Paddy Ashdown is a serviceman and so am I." But Mr Bell had reservations. "I do not want Europe controlling Britain" he said. Mr Ashdown said the answer was to give more power to MEPs. Mr Bell was unimpressed. "There are a lot of scare stories about what Maastricht actually means," cooed Mrs Maddock.

Mr Ashdown tried to clinch a deal, explaining that a Tory upset in Christchurch would force the government to think again. "When you go to vote, think of all those other millions of pensioners in Britain. You are casting a vote for yourself, but you are also casting a vote for them."

Rob Hayward, the Tory candidate defending a 23,000 majority, was down in bungalow land, dashing from door to door in an attempt to shore up the crumbling Tory vote. Customer resistance was high.

"Wavering? I am livid," said Lucy Ansell, 26, in River Way. She reeled off a list starting with her two-year-old's playgroup and ending with the rundown of mental health care. "I have to work full-time because I can't afford to stay at home with my children."

Mr Hayward advised people to study the fine print in Mr Ashdown's shop window. The Liberal Democrats might promise to spend, spend, spend, but their customers would have to pay.

□ 1992 general election result: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Major cuts through red tape

The prime minister yesterday set light to a chain of bonfires of bureaucratic controls stretching the length of Whitehall and across the Channel to Brussels (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The latest phase of his attack on red tape was launched after a meeting at Downing Street attended by cabinet ministers, senior civil servants and industrialists, including Lord Sainsbury, who has been appointed special deregulation adviser to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. More than 400 unnecessary regulations have already been targeted for abolition by eight government departments in the next round of a deregulation initiative dating back to 1985.

At the start of the meeting John Major said the government hoped to move towards a substantial deregulation bill in the next session of Parliament. He challenged ministers to bring forward more deregulation proposals.

Neil Hamilton, a junior trade minister with special responsibility for deregulation, said ministers had in the past "been stampeded into taking ill-considered measures" by lurid tabloid headlines, citing the 1988 salmonella in eggs scare as an example. Lord Sainsbury, who will take up his appointment in the new year, said the most important benefit of deregulation would be to the UK's three and a half million small businesses.

Pensions up

The number of pensioners with a company pension jumped from 43 per cent to 61 per cent between 1979 and 1991, according to figures from the social security department. In the same period pensioners' average net incomes increased by 42 per cent, to £79.50 a week, or 54 per cent to £62.80 a week, after deducting housing costs.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: trade and industry. Debate on domestic violence.
Lords (2.30): Railways bill, committee.

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Clinton ally threatened by Congress scandal

■ With embezzlement charges against a top Democrat looking likely, the president could lose much-needed help in guiding health reforms through the House

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

A WHIFF of scandal of almost Japanese proportions has been hanging over Washington this week, as President Clinton's most important political ally in Congress stands accused of embezzlement.

In what is known in Washington as the Post Office scandal, Dan Rostenkowski, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives' ways and means committee, has been identified by officials as the mysterious "Congressman A", so referred to by a former postmaster of the House of Representatives. On Monday the latter pleaded guilty to conspiracy and embezzlement charges.

The scandal is noteworthy more for its audacity than the alleged amounts of money involved. Under House rules, congressmen are entitled to vouchers with which they can buy office stationery and postage stamps. Robert Rota, the former postmaster under accusation, changed the vouchers for stamps — a normal procedure — but in this instance bought the stamps back from "Congressman A" and "Congressman B" in return for cash. Congressman A, Mr Rostenkowski, is alleged to have embezzled a total of $21,300 (£14,200) in the two periods under investigation. There appears no proof that Mr Rostenkowski used the money for personal gain.

After having been indicted and resigned his position last year, Mr Rota this week pleaded guilty to the charge that he helped two congressmen embezzle more than $30,000. He faces a maximum prison sentence of three years and a fine of $300,000.

The man identified as Congressman B is no longer a member of the House. All media intention is thus directed at Mr Rostenkoswki, who has been under investigation in this scandal for over a year.

The whole affair calls into question Congress's notorious patronage system, to which Mr Rota owed his position and ultimately his downfall.

This is bad news for President Clinton, although probably not quite as damaging as had been first thought. As chairman of the ways and means committee, which is in charge of the budget, Mr Rostenkowski proved to be a staunch and loyal supporter of the president and his controversial economic plan.

The timing of the latest development in the Post Office scandal is unfortunate because the economic plan is now in the final legislative stage, as both houses of Congress are meeting in a conference session to work out a compromise package.

Mr Clinton was yesterday due to have lunch with Mr Rostenkowski and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, chairman of the Senate finance committee, to discuss the budget.

Mr Rostenkowski is now considered to be at great risk of indictment but this would not happen until the budget is well out of the way. Once indicted, he will need to bow to Democratic party rules and resign the chairmanship of his committee. For Mr Clinton, the likely loss of Mr Rostenkowski could prove to be a setback in getting his ambitious health reform plan through the House.

☐ **Speaker criticised:** Tom Foley, Speaker of the House, has come under criticism over his stock market dealings by participating in so-called Initial Public Offerings (IPO) of new companies on the market. IPOs are generally not available to private investors, and questions have been raised whether a third party may have benefited from Mr Foley's financial sagacity.



Rostenkowski: a year under investigation

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Life's a bitch but Defiance can cope

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN DEFIANCE, MISSOURI

THIS town was defiant long before the flood. Lying west of St Louis, near where the Missouri and Mississippi rivers meet, Defiance is straight out of a central casting, a town where the dogs seem to have a maximum of three legs, the mosquitoes are fat and slow and painful, and poverty and persistence are bred in the bone.

For the past month the people of Defiance, all 57 of them, have been building up the sandbag defences round their town as the Missouri, once a benign strip of water half a mile away, has gradually moved closer and become more menacing.

On Saturday, the flood pressure tore a 50ft gash in the town's last protecting levee (the embankment of the old railway line to Kansas) and the water gushed in, swamping outlying houses and turning Defiance within a few hours into a tiny, malodorous island.

There is now only one road leading to the outside world, and the Missouri river has become a vast brown lake stretching from the town's backyards into the far distance. More than half St Charles County, the flood plain between the two overflowing rivers, is under water. Somewhere out there, now swamped, is Defiance's main tourist attraction, the Daniel Boone homestead where the hairy backwoodsman and pioneer was born and raised.

His spirit lives on in the shape of Karl Koenig, resident of Defiance, wood carver, flood expert and philosopher. "Smells good, don't it?", says Mr Koenig, surveying the water lapping at the 2ft sandbag wall round his wooden house. "When the water comes up, so do the cesspools, every one in town's overflowed."

About a hundred yards away, you can see only the roof of the house now evacuated by Mr Koenig's next-door neighbour. "Yep, they had to get out pretty fast. There's couple other places out there," he nods towards the new lake, "but they all got out." He seems almost disappointed, in a neighbourly way.

There is more than a touch of Daniel Boone in Mr Koenig's straggly beard and ample stomach; and there is more than mere defiance in his view of the flood that has caused such destruction, something more than resignation, an odd satisfaction that here is visible, smellable proof of what sensible folks have been saying over their beers all along: Life's a bitch.

Like all river people, the natives of Defiance live in a close and contradictory relationship with the water that is their source of wealth, such as it is (the banks of the Missouri here are a scenic hiking trail and wildlife reserve), but also a threat: a solid ally in good times, an implacable foe in bad. The area around Defiance was flooded in 1976 and 1983 and periodically, if irregularly, ever since the area was first settled, but the this year's flood has reached near-mythical status hereabouts. "The water she kicked a hole so big in the levee there was a 17ft wave just pouring through. They [the National Guardsmen trying to shore up the bank] had to get out of there fast as they could," Mr Koenig recalls. He flicks a cigarette end into the filthy water and slaps a mosquito. "You come here, you gonna get flies and heat and water." The water is everywhere. Stopped a few feet short of Mr Koenig's back door, it lingers heavily in the humid atmosphere and the sodden earth, seeping into the houses, clothes, food and basements. Small sweat beads form on Mr Koenig's forehead and roll, unnoticed, off his nose. The surface of the still surrounding water is broken by bubbles of air belched out from the near-saturated ground. "Last of the air escaping," Mr Koenig says. One of his three-legged dogs sniffs at the water uncertainly and then hobbles off to lie panting under the porch where Mr Koenig, in drier times, rents out trail bikes to holidaymakers as a sideline to his wood carving.

The drama is probably over for Defiance. Some have already begun to dig the foetid sludge out of their houses and yards. The nights spent heaping sandbags on to the levee while the waters rose and then frantically cutting moats and channels and evacuating the unlucky when the flood rushed in, will slowly be absorbed into the collective local memory as the water level subsides.

Mr Koenig's stories, and hundreds like them, will gradually harden into accepted wisdom and lore, like the layer of river mud that will be left caked over the land when the waters are finally gone, excessive, full of warning, but ultimately enriching.

☐ **Washington:** The first signs that the flood had finally peaked gave heart to the Midwest yesterday (Martin Fletcher writes). The skies were clear over almost the whole region, save Kansas, for virtually the first time in seven weeks.

Water levels began inching downwards along much of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. By tomorrow the crest of the flood should reach Cairo, Illinois, at which point the Mississippi broadens and deepens and should be able to contain any amount of water.

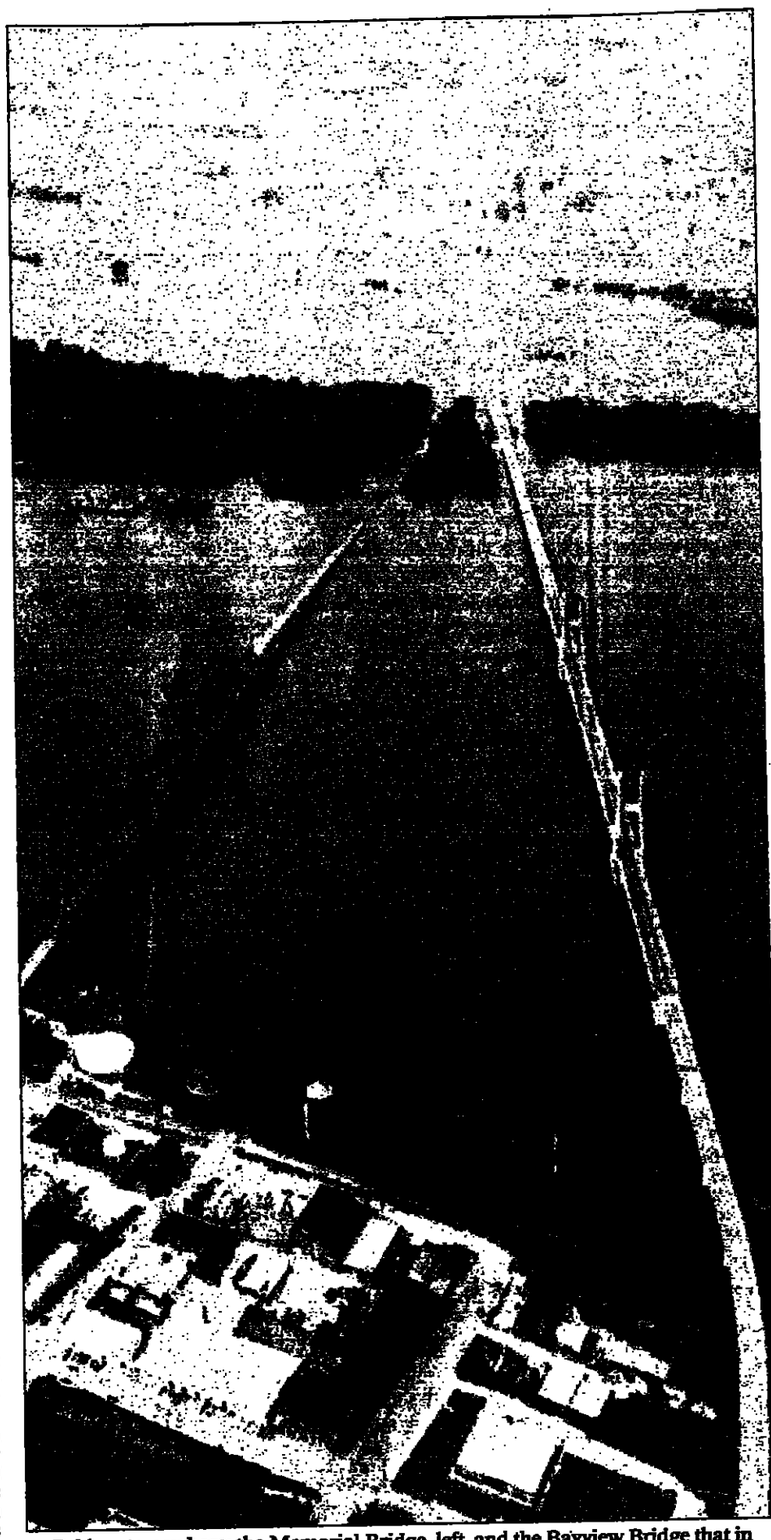
The death toll, however, reached 31, and the dangers remain great. It will be weeks before the waters return to normal levels, and engineers said that saturated levees could collapse without notice. Officials also spoke of severe health hazards as the waters recede.

The Red Cross estimated that 22,300 homes have been flooded. As many as 50,000 are said to be homeless and satellite pictures showed the floods covering an area twice the size of New Jersey.

The Mississippi crested at St Louis on Monday at 46.9ft, more than six feet above the 1973 record of 43.23ft, and dropped an inch over the next 12 hours. The forecast is for a few dry days throughout much of the Midwest, although rain may return towards the week's end.

Yesterday President Clinton added Nebraska and South Dakota to the list of states declared disaster areas, bringing to seven the number of states so classified.

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Bridges to nowhere: the Memorial Bridge, left, and the Bayview Bridge that in drier times link Quincy, Illinois, below, with the now submerged West Quincy

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baghdad claims victory over UN

Baghdad: Iraq claimed victory yesterday in its latest confrontation with the United Nations over weapons inspections. It vowed never to turn over the "keys to Iraq".

The government newspaper *al-Jumhuriya* said the day after agreement was announced on long-term weapons monitoring: "Iraq has emerged with its head high and dignity preserved after it rejected threats and adhered to its solid, principled stand." The newspaper said that Iraq would never accept measures that infringed on its sovereignty.

Rolf Ekeus, head of the United Nations special commission supervising the eradication of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction in accordance with Gulf war ceasefire terms, left Iraq on Monday saying he had reached agreement on long-term monitoring of weapons. The agreement ended a confrontation that had threatened to end in new military strikes against Iraq over its refusal to allow UN inspectors to install monitoring cameras at two missile-testing sites near Baghdad or have the sites sealed.

Iraq has rejected UN long-term monitoring as defined in Security Council resolution 715, but the talks led to Iraq's agreeing in principle to accept long-term control of its weapons potential. *(Reuter)*

Exiles march

Marj az-Zohour, Lebanon: Abdul Aziz al-Rantisi, the leader of 395 Palestinians expelled from Israel seven months ago, said 82 ailing exiles will march tomorrow to the Zemraya crossing-point into Israel's "security zone" in south Lebanon. *(Reuter)*

Court disowned

Lagos: The government said it would not accept as legal any ruling that ensued from an attempt by Moshood Abiola, the unofficial winner of presidential elections, to challenge it in court over the annulment of the poll. *(AFP)*

Sudan attack

Nairobi: The Sudan People's Liberation Army said it had launched a general military offensive in southern Sudan. It claimed that its forces were engaged in "major battles", forcing aid agencies to halt operations. *(Reuter)*

ANC charges

Johannesburg: Two ANC security guards injured in a gun battle with police are to be charged with attempted murder, police said. One security man died as Walter Sisulu, the ANC deputy president, was being driven to Soweto in a convoy. *(Reuter)*

China flight

Taipei: For the first time in more than four decades, a Taiwan civilian aircraft flew over China with Peking's permission. It was testing landing equipment at the airport on Kinmen, an offshore island of Taiwan. *(AFP)*

Young guns

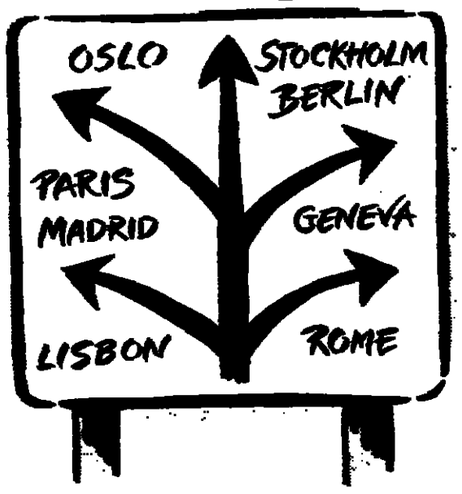
Washington: Fifty-nine per cent of American children and teenagers from all walks of life say they can easily obtain a gun if they want one and 39 per cent know someone injured or killed by gunfire, according to a poll. *(AFP)*

Penalty enough

Bangkok: A Thai woman carrying the HIV virus was gangraped by a dozen men but refused to press charges on the ground they were punished enough by exposure to the disease. *(Reuter)*

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American pressure forces Sihanouk to rule out leading role for Khmer Rouge

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian head of state, has dropped plans to offer the Khmer Rouge a role in his government or army, saying that his ruined country cannot withstand American threats.

"So as not to end my days in an insane asylum, I refuse to organise in September 1993 or after a 'round table' with Mr Khieu Samphan or other Khmer Rouge (leaders)," the prince said yesterday.

Clifton Wharton, the deputy US Secretary of State, said earlier this week that the United States would not support or provide aid to Cambodia if the Khmer Rouge was included in any government. Mr Wharton delivered that message to Prince Sihanouk on a recent visit to Phnom Penh, the first by a high-level American official since before the Khmer Rouge took power in 1975.

In a statement, Prince Sihanouk referred directly to the American threat. "The United States of America continues to threaten ... Cambodia with various hostile measures in case the Khmer Rouge is accepted by me or the Cambodian government," the prince said.

"I have always fought against all foreign interference in the internal affairs of my country, but under the real circumstances in Cambodia, which is ruined and which must receive aid and support from the wealthy foreign powers, I cannot fight any more against the United States of America."

Mr Samphan, the nominal leader of the Khmer Rouge, who returned to Phnom Penh last week after a three-month absence, wants his faction to have positions in the army and to serve as "permanent counsellors", not ministers, in the government.

Hun Sen and Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Cambodia's co-presidents, had already ruled out any early ministerial role for the Khmer Rouge in a unified government. Last week they said that the guerrillas were only being offered a role as advisers at present.

In the meantime, the United Nations approved the transfer of $3 million (£2 million) to the Cambodian government to pay soldiers, police and civil servants, diplomats and UN officials said yesterday. The money, from a UN trust fund in New York, has been transferred to the Cambodian capital and is awaiting distribution to the country's estimated 150,000 civil servants and an equal number of soldiers.

There was also a call for Cambodia to establish the rule of law if it is to end decades of arbitrary brutality and violence, a human rights conference on the country was told yesterday. "The resort to violence, both at a personal and a general level, to resolve conflicts has to be replaced with the resort to legal and civil processes," Dennis McNamara, director of the UN human rights programme in Cambodia, said in his opening remarks to the three-day conference.

Pyongyang takes small step to nuclear deal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ North Korea has toned down its bellicose line on atomic weapons. Many suspect, however, that the regime remains intent on becoming a nuclear power

SOUTH Korea yesterday welcomed a compromise agreement reached by American and North Korean negotiators aimed at preventing North Korea from acquiring nuclear weapons. In the United States, however, independent experts dismissed the agreement as yet another stalling tactic by Pyongyang.

Under the accord, announced in Geneva on Monday night, North Korea undertook to reopen talks with the International Atomic Energy Agency about allowing inspections of its two suspected nuclear weapons sites. It also agreed to begin talks with South Korea on banning nuclear weapons from the Korean peninsula.

For its part, America offered to help North Korea convert its graphite-core nuclear reactors to Western-style light water reactors which can less easily be used to develop fissionable material for nuclear weapons. The Americans also agreed to meet North Korean negotiators again within two months to discuss progress and "to lay the basis to improving overall relations".

Robert Gallucci, the Assistant Secretary of State for political-military affairs, conceded that the accord was less than he wanted because North Korea had still not agreed to IAEA inspections. However, he insisted it represented a "small but significant step" towards resolving a crisis triggered by North Korea's threat last March to leave the international Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Pyongyang suspended that threat last month but until now had refused to discuss inspections with the IAEA.

The South Korean foreign ministry yesterday called the Geneva accord an "important step" towards defusing the issue, but added that Seoul would "closely watch whether the North is taking specific steps to fulfil its international duties and denuclearise the Korean peninsula".

American weapons specialists were more sceptical. "They're staying in the [IAEA] regime and becoming a nuclear weapons power at the same time. Pretty neat trick," said Thomas Cochran, of the Washington-based Natural Resources Defence Council.

The CIA believes North Korea has amassed enough material for at least one nuclear bomb. During his South Korea visit this month, President Clinton gave a warning that use of nuclear weapons by North Korea would end in its annihilation.

In a separate development, Lynn David, a top US arms control negotiator, arrived in London yesterday at the start of a five-nation tour designed to build support for a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty. This follows Mr Clinton's July 3 extension of the present moratorium on testing in America for at least another 15 months, a move that prevents Britain from testing nuclear weapons in Nevada. The negotiator will visit Paris, Bonn, Peking and Tokyo.

☐ **Seoul:** Thousands of riot police massed as South Korea invoked emergency powers yesterday to settle a protracted labour dispute at the nation's leading exporter, the Hyundai Group. The dispute began early last month. *(Reuter)*

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Opposition as its heroin

Call for Miyazawa to resign backfire

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Opposition losing Burma battle as its heroine stays under arrest

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN MANERPLAW

The generals are using divide-and-rule tactics to split Burma's disparate pro-democracy coalition. A deal with the Kachin effectively threatens to end all resistance

THE fourth anniversary yesterday of Aung San Suu Kyi's arrest by the Burmese junta finds the opposition in disarray. The Democratic Alliance of Burma, comprising ethnic rebel groups, politicians and student forces, is bitterly split over how to combat the military rulers.

The latest setback to the democratic struggle came as the Kachin Independence Organisation held secret talks with the junta and agreed to observe an informal ceasefire. The pro-democracy movement, including Daw Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, which won the 1990 elections later annulled, is incensed with the Kachin decision and the junta's divide-and-rule tactics.

The Kachin, who inhabit a mountainous state near the Chinese border, deny that they have betrayed the alliance, which is only prepared to negotiate with the State Law and Order Restoration Council as a whole. If they do defect, they will be the third minority group to be wooed away under Rangoon's attempts to split the alliance.

The defection of the Kachin would amount to a knockout blow, said analysts, because its 7,000-man guerrilla army would stop fighting, enabling the military oligarchy to reinforce its positions against other rebel groups, particularly the Karen, whose 12,000-strong fighting force has fought Rangoon for more than four decades and, with the Kachin, form the backbone of the resistance.

"What you are seeing," said one observer, "could be the beginning of the end of serious armed resistance to the military junta."

Manerplaw, where both the democratic alliance and the Karen headquarters are based, is now only eight miles from the range of the military's 120mm Israeli-made mortars, which were put to use in fighting there last year. Although the army did not launch a dry season offensive this year, it has been equipped with Chinese weapons which, when installed, will be within easy range of this jungle encampment.

This correspondent, who travelled by boat down the rain-swollen Salween river to Manerplaw to witness the democratic alliance's first congress in session yesterday, found it in disarray, with even the students divided into several factions.

Brang Seng, the leader of the Kachin forces and deputy chairman of the alliance, did not turn up, either to confirm or refute reports of the Kachin deal with the junta. General Ro Mya, 66, a veteran Karen guerrilla leader and chairman of the alliance, said: "He is ashamed of coming. Even though the Kachin say they do not have an agreement with the state council, I believe they have a certain type of agreement, so there is a military stalemate."

Dr Tuja Manam, a Kachin representative, admitted in an interview that bilateral talks had taken place with the junta. "They stopped their offensive and we also stopped our offensive, but we did not reach any agreement with them yet." But he added that the Kachin people did not want them to stop fighting. Rebel sources tell a different story. "The Kachin leadership is under pressure both from China and from its own people, who after years of war have suffered enough, to do a deal," said a leader of a Burmese ethnic group.

Foreign refugee workers on the Thai-Burmese border say continued repression has forced thousands to flee into the forests along the Thai border. "There are now over 70,000 Burmese refugees inside Thailand, and maybe hundreds of thousands more are internally displaced," said one foreign aid official.

At the formal session of the alliance yesterday, General Mya called on the Kachin to return to the fold. He said that any group that engaged in bilateral talks with the state council was playing into the hands of the junta whose generals jailed the Nobel laureate, Daw Suu Kyi, four years ago.

A small rally marking her detention — she is virtually held in isolation at her Rangoon home despite international appeals, the latest coming yesterday from the European Community — was held here at her party's compound, situated at the end of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Avenue, poignantly marked by a signpost but which is little more than a jungle path.



Captive dissident: Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel laureate, now in her fifth year of detention

Call for Miyazawa to resign backfires

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JUNICHIRO Koizumi, Japan's post and telecommunications minister, resigned yesterday to atone for calling for the resignation of Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, after the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's failure to win a majority in Sunday's election to the lower house of the Diet.

Mr Miyazawa steadfastly refused to step down, although he admitted responsibility for causing turmoil in the party. The LDP won 223 seats in the election, 33 short of a simple majority but within easy reach of luring independent candidates and a minority opposition into a coalition.

Denying once again that he had in fact already resigned, Mr Miyazawa said yesterday that he would await a decision from within the party before offering his resignation. He is expected to resign tomorrow.

Mr Koizumi went down still calling for Mr Miyazawa to follow suit: "You too should be resigning," he barked at Mr Miyazawa, wagging a finger at the startled 73-year-old prime minister in full view of assembled television crews.

Candidates being touted as a possible future party leader and therefore prime minister include Toshiki Kaifu, the former prime minister, who has become popular as the party's affable underdog since he was unceremoniously dumped in 1991.Ryutaro Hashimoto, the former finance minister and party pinup, and Keizo Obuchi, former secretary-general, are also being tipped.

The LDP is aiming to announce its candidate by July 26, then to put together a coalition administration and to convene an extraordinary session of the Diet at the beginning of August.



Patten: earning £15,000 a month

Patten escapes tax bill

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

AN independent panel of "wise men" has recommended that Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, should not pay income tax on his £15,000-a-month salary because his employment terms are more specific than those of the Queen.

The panel was appointed after legislators urged Mr Patten to follow the Queen's example and volunteer to pay personal taxes. It decided that he was not obliged to follow her lead.

"The element that the governor's salary will be tax free is clearly set out in his letter of appointment," the panel said, explaining why he should not be saddled with Hong Kong's top tax rate of 15 per cent a year after taking office. "Such a contractual condition is absent in the case of the Queen," it said.

The commander of British forces in the territory, Major General John Foley, yesterday confirmed that the military presence here would be halved next year with the early withdrawal of the Black Watch, currently on a two-year tour of duty, and the merging of the remaining Gurkha forces into a single battalion.

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Phoenix stays cold to charms of dubbed Deneuve



Deneuve: few films crossed the Atlantic

*Trade negotiators face a screen test as the disgruntled French film industry confronts American dominance, **Charles Bremner** writes*

ANYONE who thinks the path to smooth world trade is now only a matter of appeasing a French peasant farmer might care to ponder a question exciting much emotion in France: can you force an American to watch Catherine Deneuve?

Film makers and their government guardians are convinced the answer is yes, although very few of Deneuve's dozens of films have made it across the Atlantic. More implausibly, they insist, the folks in *Phoenix, Arizona*, or Skokie, Illinois, would happily troop to the *multiplex* and eschew Schwarzenegger or Gibson in favour of the latest *oeuvre* by Eric Rohmer or Claude Lelouch. The only thing depriving them, the French insist, is the greed of the Hollywood studios.

The rest of the world may now be resigned to America's cinematic dominance now that entertainment is second only to the aircraft industry in export earnings. But not France, where the government is fighting to rectify the virtually one-way flow of films across the Atlantic. It is simply unacceptable, say the French, that 55 per cent of the films showing in France are made in America, as are more than 80 per cent in the rest of Europe, while French films account for a fraction of 1 per cent of the earnings of those distributed in America.

Such grumbling is old hat, but a showdown has emerged in the rush to sew up a new Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) accord. As the heavyweight of the European film business, France is determined to ensure that American films continue to be subject to a quota of no more than 50 per cent in European television broadcasting. In France, the requirement holds that 60 per cent of output must be European, of which 40 per cent must be French.

Since the Cannes festival in May, the air has been thick with polemics as Jacques Toubon, the culture minister, Bertrand Tavernier, the director, and a host of celebrated cinéastes have denounced American attempts to scrap the "television without frontiers" directive and have proposed ways of prising open the US market. René Cleitman, the Hachette company producer who is in the forefront of the battle, said that "the European film industry is headed for certain death" if the Americans get their way.

The debate is largely a dialogue of the deaf. The Americans say the main reason French films are restricted to the art house ghetto is that they are boring or incomprehensible alongside their own polished product. When a French concept is good, Hollywood has to repackage it. The last all-French films to hit the big time in America were the first two *Cage Aux Folles* a decade ago.

Jack Valenti, the formidable American industry spokesman, told *France this month*: "The American market is totally open. We only ask that every country allows its citizens to be free to choose what they see, read or listen to."

Washington will refuse to sign a Gatt accord that allows Europe to continue discriminating against US films, said Mr Valenti, who is president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

The French insist that films are cultural products which must be exempt from free trade agreements and that Americans are deprived of their films because Hollywood keeps them from wide release and prevents them from being made more accessible through dubbing. France suffered a setback in Brussels last week when the Commission refused a French demand for a "cultural exception" clause that would remove "audiovisual" products from the Gatt agreement.

Making the argument at Cannes, M Cleitman said: "Europe accepts dubbed films. I find it hard to believe that the American brain is somehow differently constructed."

Not everyone in Europe buys the French argument. Some experts in Britain and elsewhere say the lavish subsidies which the French government pours into the cinema encourages self-indulgence and parochial products. In a typical action, the government recently cut subsidies to French films shot in English. Peter Bart, the editor of *Variety*, says the work of even the great French *auteurs* is second-rate compared with the days when Hollywood directors could worship at the altar of a Godard or an Antonioni and the public rushed to movies such as *Divorce Italian Style*, *A Man and a Woman* and *Borsalino*.

A group of European producers, led by David Puttnam, has taken a step to remedy this by launching the first European mini-studio, the Ateliers du Cinéma Européen. The group, which is opening premises in Paris in the autumn, aims to promote more films with broader commercial appeal.

Meanwhile, M Toubon and fellow ministers are launching a two-year celebration to mark the invention of the moving picture by the Lumière brothers of Lyons in 1895. The idea is to remind the world that France, not Thomas Edison, as Americans believe, is the father of the cinema.

NEWSBRIEF

Bribes suspect 'commits suicide'

Rome: Gabriele Cagliari, former chairman of the scandal-tainted state energy group ENI, was found dead yesterday with a plastic bag over his head in his cell in Milan's San Vittore prison (John Phillips writes).

A lawyer representing Signor Cagliari, 67, at first said he died of a heart attack. However, Francesco Borelli, the Milan public prosecutor heading the Clean Hands corruption scandal investigation, said he had ordered a post-mortem examination of the body to determine if Signor Cagliari had killed himself. Signor Borelli said that Signor Cagliari had mentioned suicide in at least ten letters written in prison.

Signor Cagliari had been held since March 9 on charges of bribery involving £1.8 million for a contract for gas turbines. He was the first suspect in the 17-month scandal to die while in prison. Eight other suspects are reported to have committed suicide.

Germany to free Hamadi

Bonn: Germany is to free the jailed Shia activist Abbas Hamadi and deport him to Lebanon on August 8. He will have served half of the 13-year sentence imposed after he was convicted of helping to kidnap two German businessmen.

While the Bonn government has repeatedly denied making any deal that would involve freeing Abbas Hamadi and his brother, Mohammed Ali Hamadi, also jailed in Germany, there was intense speculation yesterday that the deportation was linked to the release of the last Western hostages held in Lebanon.

Swiss pledge

Zurich: Switzerland said its supreme court would back India's efforts to discover if leading Indian politicians took bribes in connection with a billion-dollar arms deal with the Swedish firm Bofors AB in 1986. The Indian inquiry has established that Bofors paid millions of dollars into Swiss bank accounts. *(Reuter)*

Talks fail

London: Talks between Moroccan diplomats and leaders of the Polisario guerrilla group in Laayoun, capital of Western Sahara, failed to resolve differences on who is eligible to vote in the proposed referendum on the territory's political future.

Troops sent

Bonn: The first 250 soldiers of Germany's main contingent to the UN operation in Somalia will fly to Mogadishu today. Chancellor Kohl decided to proceed with the deployment in spite of growing criticism.

Running flush

Hobart: Australian police are hunting thieves in Tasmania who made off with 23 toilets, 22 hot water systems, six shower bases and 30 kitchen sinks from a plumbing supply store. *(Reuter)*

Beaten Bosnians prepare to accept partition fate

BY JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

■ **The Bosnian presidency, with backs to the wall, now appears ready to consider the unthinkable. The change of mind may be too late to prevent a Greater Serbia**

CAUGHT between a Serb hammer and a Croat anvil, Muslim forces are rapidly losing ground in Bosnia.

The worsening news from the front line, coupled with desperate conditions in the "UN safe areas", is putting pressure on the Bosnian government to contemplate political settlements previously considered unthinkable. It appears that the republic's multi-ethnic presidency is beginning to fear losing all its lands before a deal is reached.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia conditionally agreed at the weekend to attend talks in Geneva on a three-way ethnic division of his republic.

Under the plan, put forward by President Tudjman of Croatia and President Milosevic of Serbia, the Bosnian government, representing the republic's biggest group, the Muslims, would get only a fifth of the territory.

In a further sign of the Bosnian Serbs' determination to have their way, their leader, Radovan Karadzic, yesterday announced plans to unite his self-proclaimed Serb state with Serb-held regions of Croatia, strengthening the extremist plans to create a Greater Serbia from all territory that they now hold. That could undermine efforts by the leaders of Croatia and Serbia to conclude their far-reaching peace agreement embracing Croatia and Bosnia.

In Sarajevo, the Bosnian presidency met for a third day behind closed doors, apparently to discuss the Serb-Croat partition plan and the government's position at talks that peace negotiators hope will resume in Geneva at the end of this week.

The presidency set out its blueprint for a postwar federal state, but diplomats said they had still not confirmed whether they would go to Geneva. Diplomats said the presidency sent Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the peace mediators, outline proposals to rival the plan tabled by their Serb and Croat enemies. The mediators have been trying to persuade Bosnian Serbs to silence their guns long enough to persuade Mr Izetbegovic to return to the negotiating table.

The 11-point presidency scheme, largely based on the discarded Vance-Owen plan, calls for the former Yugoslav republic to be made into a loose federation, according to a draft obtained by Reuters news agency. Unlike the Serbian-Croatian plan, it decrees that the units "cannot be constituted solely on ethnic principles".

In an annexe to the document, the presidency says that if peace cannot be achieved on the basis of its plan, "the presidency is ready to propose to the [United Nations] Security Council to put the ... republic under protectorate".

In central Bosnia, Muslim-led forces have held their ground against the better equipped rebel Croats, but the clashes have drawn precious men and equipment from areas under attack by Serbs. To the south of Sarajevo, Serb units have routed government forces in key areas. Last week they captured Trnovo, cutting off the precarious but vital trail between Gorazde, a pocket of about 40,000 Muslims in eastern Bosnia, and what remains of the republic.

From Trnovo, rebel Serb forces have pushed towards Mount Igman, southwest of Sarajevo and the key to the city's defence. The loss of Mount Igman would cripple the capital's already weakened defences.

The Belgian foreign minister, Willy Claes, who holds the European Community presidency, arrived yesterday in Zagreb to warn Croatia that it faces economic sanctions like those imposed on Serbia last year if it fails to halt "ethnic cleansing" and attacks on Muslims.

☐ **Belgrade:** The cash-starved Yugoslav army is auctioning a Rolls-Royce Phantom V given by the Queen to Tito, the late communist president of Yugoslavia, and hopes that bids for the 1960 model will start at $814,000 (£542,660). *(AP)*

Peter Brookes, page 14



Safe for now: Davor Stjepanovic, a Bosnian Croat boy who was sheltered by Serbs after his father was killed, waiting for a distribution aid in a Bosnian village

Four million refugees seek UN aid

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE enormity of human suffering in the Balkan wars was thrown into sharp focus yesterday when it emerged that there were now more than four million refugees and others needing humanitarian help.

The figure is made up of more than 3.5 million refugees, people displaced from their homes or under siege and still within the frontiers of the former Yugoslavia, and at least 595,000 people who have fled to other European countries.

The scale of human misery was made clear by Larry Hollingworth, head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Bosnia, who was in London yesterday to support fund-raising efforts by British charities involved in the region. "More homes are being burnt every day," Mr Hollingworth said. "The figures just increase astronomically every day."

The UNHCR in Zagreb said that the figure of 595,000 people who have fled to other parts of Europe was compiled last December, and was likely to be higher now. Of these, 300,000 went to Germany, 73,000 to Austria, 80,000 to Switzerland and 40,000 to Hungary. There were 4,424 seeking asylum in Britain. The total of more than 3.5 million people still inside the former Yugoslavia needing UNHCR help was reached at the end of June.

"We are coming to the end of the war," Mr Hollingworth added. "Our job will really begin when the war ends."

He also criticised European Community suggestions that limited sanctions should be imposed on Croatia. "It is too late," he said. "It is not going to help at the moment, when the Serbs and the Croats are being fairly helpful."

Mr Hollingworth also confirmed that Bosnian Serbs and Croats were still trying to charge road tolls on relief convoys. "The Serbs wanted $26 million (£17 million) to pay for resurfacing a stretch of road they said was damaged by tanks. The only tanks that had used the road were not ours," he said. "Convoys are running without paying the tolls but the situation has not been resolved."

The UN, meanwhile, made it clear yesterday that it was trying to find equipment for troops from some Muslim countries that want to take part in peacekeeping in Bosnia. Shortage of money has so far made it difficult for the UN peacekeeping mission to accept troops from some developing countries.



Moscow gives border guards go-ahead for Afghan attacks

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A SENIOR adviser in Russia's security ministry said yesterday that border guards would be allowed to launch raids into Afghan territory to prevent a repeat of recent attacks on Russian posts on the Tajik-Afghan border.

General Vladimir Bondarenko defended the deployment of extra troops in the region at the weekend and for the first time admitted publicly that the Kremlin's tough line on the fighting could mean incursions into Afghan territory. "The border guards have received an order to use fire to prevent any concentration of the enemy, even across the border," he said, adding: "I think that they have the moral right to raid Afghan territory if violations of the border do not stop."

The statement, which appears to have been left to an official rather than the security minister, Viktor Barannikov, for strategic reasons, reflects a possible shift of Moscow's policy towards pre-emptive strikes on Afghan territory — a threat which, if carried out, is likely to intensify fighting in the region and deepen Russia's involvement in Tajikistan's ethnic, religious and political conflict.

Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, has sent an unspecified number of extra troops to reinforce the 3,500 Russian border guards who protect the sensitive border along with the 201st Motorised Infantry Division. Although officially described as "reinforcing the frontier", they are unlikely to make much difference to the balance of power without beating back rebel Tajik troops on Afghan territory.



Tajik rebels fled to Afghanistan after they were defeated by communist forces last autumn, leading to a restoration of the pro-Moscow government in Dushanbe. The opposition has recently stepped up its attacks on Russian posts, aided by a variety of Mujahedin groups: 25 Russian soldiers and 100 Tajiks were killed in an attack on a post last week, leading President Yeltsin to approve military action against the rebels.

General Grachev and Mr Barannikov have both visited troops there in the last few days, pledging to defend the former Soviet border. There are, however, hints of a split with the foreign ministry, which appears to take a more cautious line. One of its spokesmen said yesterday that Moscow would seek to have its forces in Tajikistan recognised as UN peacekeepers and gave a warning that the republic could disintegrate.

The government in Kabul accuses Moscow of launching artillery attacks on its territory and has asked the UN to intervene to halt deployment of extra Russian forces.

Tajikistan's prime minister, Abdul Abdullodzhanov, visiting Moscow for consultations, yesterday emphasised his reliance on the Russian military and said that the extra troops would concentrate on strengthening the forward line. Russia yesterday announced it was granting the republic a large rouble credit and postponed repayment of its debt until 2000.

Church and parliament fight to keep cults out of Russia

BY ANNE MCELVOY

The Orthodox Church and parliament in Russia have joined forces in a battle to save the country's hearts and minds from the unfettered onslaughts of imported evangelism, cults and missionary activity.

Patriach Aleksi has said that the move last week by the conservative Supreme Soviet to ban foreign evangelists from preaching on television and radio and to impose a registration process on pavement preachers "fully meets the expectations and needs of the Orthodox clergy and church members".

Tass also quoted Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople as having supported the parliament's decision. It said that he had denounced the attempt to split Russian society by "certain foreign religious missionaries and sects who can afford to lease big halls and buy television and radio time to advocate their ideas".

Vyacheslav Polosin, an Orthodox priest who heads the parliamentary committee on freedom of conscience, said yesterday that foreign religious groups were putting the native Orthodox Church at a disadvantage at the very time it needed to recruit members to recover from the repression of the past.

"In today's conditions it is not easy for our holy church to sustain competition with rich foreign preachers," he said. Under the proposed new law on religious broadcasting, airtime will be made available only to those organisations that obtain official registration at the discretion of the authorities.

Parliament's decision has been criticised by liberals and human rights campaigners who complain that it is reminiscent of the persecution carried out by the communists. President Yeltsin has not yet approved the law which Britain has also condemned as "a retrograde step".

Some opponents also accuse the Orthodox Church of seeking to restore the monopoly on faith that it held in under the tsars and re-establish its influence after years of co-existence with the communist authorities.

Father Polosin, however, claimed that Russia was being swamped with "religious fanatics arriving in our country under the guise of foreign pilgrims" and said that the country urgently needed a mechanism for declaring them persona non grata.

Missionaries from various Christian movements as well as scores of cult leaders and mystics have flooded Russia since the collapse of communism created a belief vacuum and a hungry "marketplace" for new religions. Billy Graham has visited several times to enthusiastic responses. Hari Krishna groups are a familiar sight on city streets and at Moscow's State University, one of the old marxist-leninist lecture halls has been renamed in honour of L. Ron Hubbard who has many student supporters.

Russia's first reference book containing information about churches and religious communities has just been published, replacing the notoriously biased and incomplete *Atheists Desk Book* which was the only permitted guide to religion during the Soviet years.

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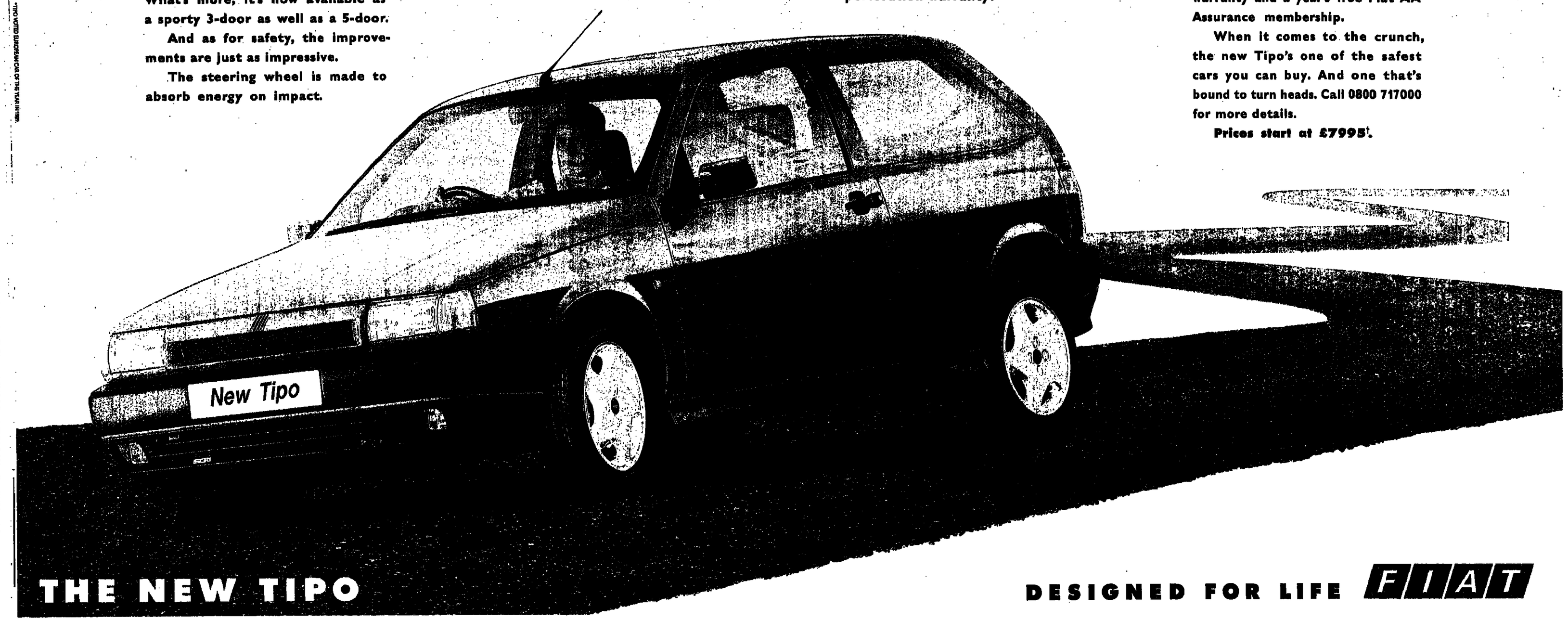
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The Nigerian writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, arrested for sedition, used friends to smuggle out his prison diary

No escape from the vermin

Nothing illustrates Nigeria's ethnic complexities and shaky human rights better than the case of Ken Saro-Wiwa. At 51 he is a prolific author, famous throughout the country for its most popular television comedy series, *Bari and Co.* He is a respected tribal leader of the Ogoni people of southern Nigeria. He is also in prison charged with sedition, and has just suffered his third heart attack.

But Saro-Wiwa has not stopped writing. His prison notes, smuggled out by friends, were obtained by *The Times* this week. They paint a picture not only of the cruelties of imprisonment, but also of the capriciousness of his captors, the country's teetering legality, and sheer farcical muddle.

Saro-Wiwa was arrested in Port Harcourt on June 21, three days before General Ibrahim Babangida, Nigeria's military president, annulled the results of the June 12 elections, which were won by the southerner Moshood Abiola. Saro-Wiwa's real crime is to have raised the thorny issue of the rights of the Ogoni people to royalties from the oil pumped from their lands. Under colonial law they would have been paid around 35 per cent of the tax revenues on oil taken from under their fields of cassava, yams and corn. But successive military dictatorships have declared that mineral resources, in particular oil, are national assets to be managed by the federal government.

Saro-Wiwa claims this has had two effects: it provides the government with an almost unlimited slush fund for buying off its opponents, and it concentrates the oil money in the hands of northern Nigerians — who dominate the army but who have few natural resources in their arid homelands. His campaign for Ogoni rights to royalties is part of a wider north versus south conflict which has led to the present electoral hiatus.

At 10pm on the day of his arrest the police bundled Saro-Wiwa "into a waiting Peugeot bus crammed with eight fully-armed police officers, and jerry cans of petrol. The smell of petrol makes me sick instantly. I have to control my instinct to puke. Amid a hail of tear gas meant to disperse a crowd of Ogoni men who have gathered at the police offices ... I am driven off into the night." Fifteen hours later he arrives in Lagos at the headquarters of the State Intelligence and Investigation Bureau.



'The septic tank, the stinking bathroom, the cell of the damned of the earth, who shriek and chant by turns next door, make me want to puke'

Total confusion follows. "Alhaji Kangiwa, a pencil-thin man of undignified bearing in long Hausa robes was fidgety. He kept moving in and out of the office and tried and re-tried some walkie-talkies — which he seemed unable to operate."

Saro-Wiwa is asked a few questions, and then told he will have to drive the 15 hours back to Port Harcourt. "Assistant commissioner of police Kenneth Ogbeifun had confirmed that his superiors did not appear to have made up their minds what to do with me. My 'transfer' back to Port Harcourt appeared to have something to do with this."

So now he is detained in Owerri, 70 miles from Port Harcourt. The next day Saro-Wiwa's health deteriorates. Along with two other Ogoni prisoners, he is fed only once a day — but, because of his serious heart condition, he cannot eat the food he is served. Taking advantage of his fame, he storms into the office of the officer in charge: "On his table is a copy of Machiavelli's *The Prince* and Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*. He is either a reader or a mature student. In either case, he is probably one I can challenge. I launch into a diatribe on the black man's inhumanity to his kind, this trait is responsible for the retardation of all blacks ... in any case I feel that even if I were on death row I would be entitled to my favourite meal. I resent being starved to death, I assert, and being asked to buy my own medicines.

"It works. Apologies ... we get moved to the waiting room upstairs. Although African prisons are dangerous and verminous places, there is still some respect for authority, or for a little 'dash' [small bribe].

"I arrange to have the toilet and waiting room cleaned of cobwebs and other detritus and the floor swabbed. Though there is no electricity we can now live somewhat like human beings." A doctor comes with medicines. "I am assured of some relief from a running stomach, seven boils on my left flank, and my swollen feet." Arrangements are made for the writer to receive special meals from his girl friend in Port Harcourt, and he is accommodated in the offices shared by middle-ranking police officers.

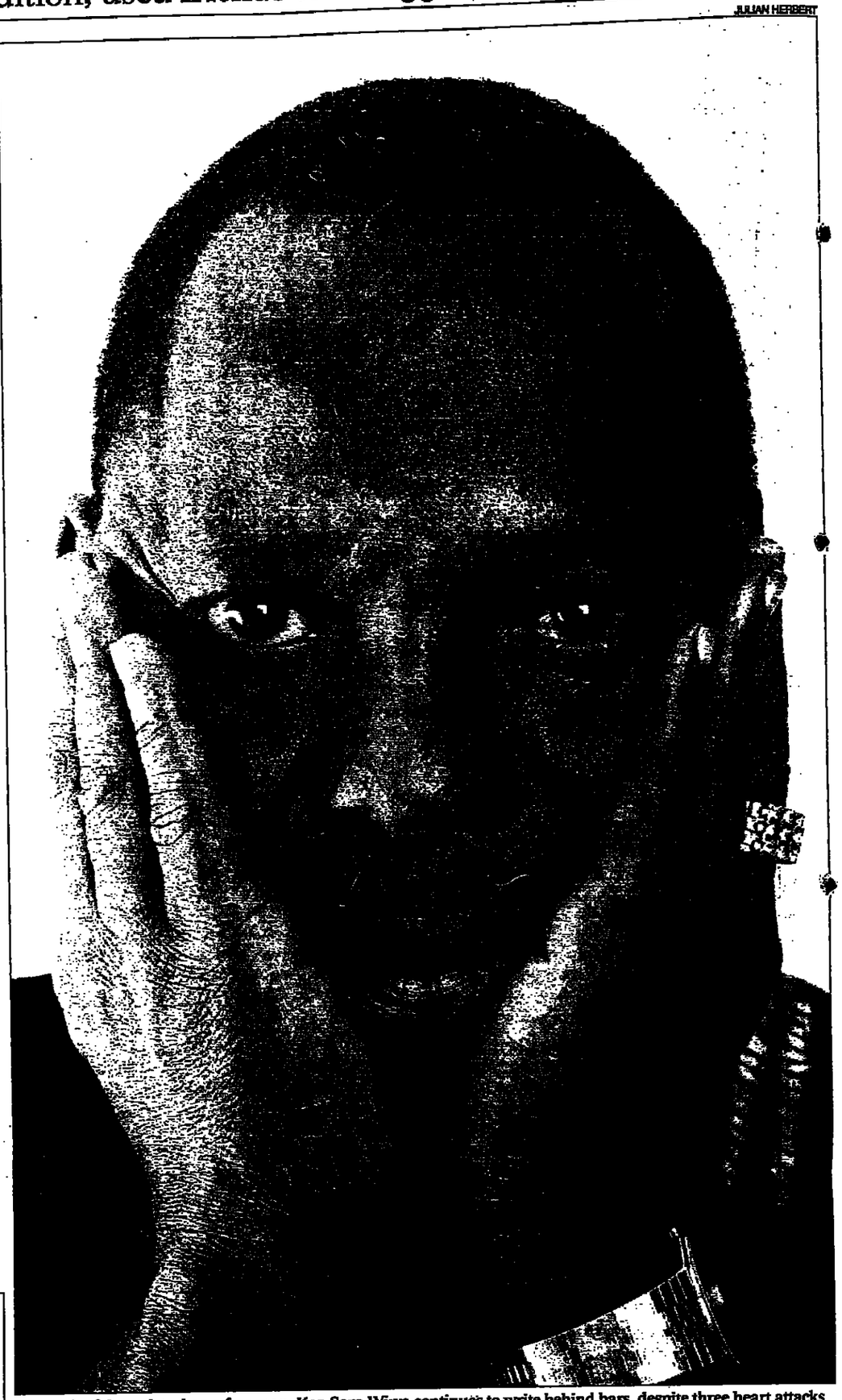
With a sharp eye he notes the working conditions of a Nigerian police inspector. The room is decorated with "age-old exhibits such as a dusty ten-year-old carpet, broken down fans, motor spare parts, piles of dusty papers, bedding, and fleas ... the ceiling is all cobwebby ... the stench oozing in from all directions, the leaking septic tank outside, the stinking bathroom directly opposite my cell, the cell of the damned of the earth, who shriek and chant by turns next door, make me want to puke."

But then his captors are thrown into new confusion. An unexpected legal consequence of General Babangida's decision to annul the election results is to nullify the decree which justified Saro-Wiwa's arrest. The security services no longer have grounds to hold him. This does not deter them long. The sedition charge is laid, he is held on remand and then matters take a turn for the worse. Saro-Wiwa has a heart attack, but the local police commissioner simply bins a High Court order to move the writer from his cell to an intensive care unit. "They are trying to kill me," he writes.

Saro-Wiwa's "detention notes" end about three weeks ago. Since then riots in Lagos involving 100,000 people have left some 25 dead. He is frustrated at being out of the political loop. Nigerians are both "leaderless and thoroughly misled. They do not develop a proper response to the situation. Most are hurt, but no one appears to know what to do. I feel sad that I cannot contribute to this drama."

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Long live Hollywood ...

Believe the hype, ignore the film critics, says **Matthew d'Ancona**

Last Friday, I was one of the thousands of Britons who swarmed into cinemas to see *Jurassic Park* against the express advice of the film critics. I am proud to say that I went because of the hype, not in spite of it; that I was not remotely disappointed by the movie, which I thought a terrific *son et lumière* extravaganza in the best traditions of the magic lantern; and that, should I ever become dictator, I shall abolish all film critics.

Where do these people come from? And why do we let them get away with it? To criticise *Jurassic Park* on the grounds that it lacks plot, subtlety and characterisation — as many reviewers did — is to miss the point so spectacularly that one barely knows where to begin.

A six-year-old could tell that this particular film was not meant to perform the same cultural function as *Fanny and Alexander* or *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*. Steven Spielberg's latest blockbuster is not even a traditional adventure movie. Instead, it celebrates the tribal urge to hear stories about monsters, to sit around the crackling fire as tales of impossible creatures are retold for the thousandth time.

Anglo-Saxon warriors who listened attentively to *Beowulf* in their meadhalls were not so very different from the hordes that queued for hours lastweekend to see *Jurassic Park*. So why are contemporary audiences made to feel guilty by the arbiters of cinematic taste?

Equally, to say that this film is "just special effects" seems to me like saying that Jackson Pollock is "just spots of paint" or that Man Ray is "just a trick of the light". The technology in *Jurassic Park* is so extraordinary that it breaches the boundary between art and science.

Film reviewers, of course, have always inspired fierce emotions. The actor Robert Duvall once said that "listening to critics is like letting Muhammad Ali decide which astronaut goes to the moon", while the director Alan Parker has described the doyenne of reviewers, Pauline Kael, as "a demented bag-lady". But if American critics tend to be vicious rather than snobbish, the opposite is true of their British counterparts, who routinely turn up their noses at the films their readers most want to see.

To judge Hollywood and arthouse cinema by the same criteria is a pretty basic error, but one that appears in magazines and newspapers every week. No intelligent cinema-goer would confuse *Battleship Potemkin* with *Back to the Future* or *La Dolce Vita* with a Bond film. Not so the critics, who ignore the glorious diversity of the genre they are paid considerable sums to write about.

Their slavish deference to anything foreign is matched by the poseur's distaste for anything that makes money. The spartan excellence of British films such as *The Long Good Friday* and *Get Carter* is overlooked in favour of all that is precious and continental. How many times have you read a film review which starts with an uninformative attack on the week's main release and then continues, "but don't miss out on *La Plume de Ma Tante*, a black and white five-hour masterpiece about provincial life in France, which recently won top honours at the Mongolian film festival"? Now ask yourself how often you take the advice.



Triumph of art and science: a *Jurassic Park* dinosaur

The refusal of film critics to take mass entertainment seriously is an anomaly in contemporary culture. In the past decade, the terms "high brow" and "low brow" have come to mean less and less. High art has been popularised in arena opera, Classic-FM, the cheap videos of great movies and the competition between publishers to sell classic literature at low prices.

In the same way, as *The Modern Review* and (occasionally) *The South Bank Show* have shown, popular tastes are worth taking seriously and exploring. Why cinema audiences have turned away from the violence of *The Silence of the Lambs* and *The Terminator* and towards the excitement of *Jurassic Park* is surely more interesting than tedious lists of the "best young novelists". The question is not why so much hype has preceded the release of *Jurassic Park*: hype did not stop *Dick Tracy* or *Boxing Helena* from flopping. The question is why the dino-hype *worked*.

This is the sort of issue that film journalism should address. The fact that it does not is a sad comment on the pretensions of the reviewers and the lowered expectations of the public. Movies should be entertaining as well as challenging. So my advice is this. Ignore the critics. Go and see *Jurassic Park*. Believe the hype.

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Choosing a jolly good sport

Which side of the tracks do you come from? Sportsmen are judged socially on the game they play, not the way they play it



ALICE THOMSON

Would you take this man home to meet your father? He is an overweight, dope-smoking, womanising, pantomime actor who just happens to play a bit of cricket. But if you took Ian Botham home your father wouldn't eat his eyebrows in annoyance or ask him about his career intentions. Your mother wouldn't attack the courgettes as though Mr Botham was on the chopping board. Instead, fortified by some of the best wine in the house, your father would probably ask for advice on his cover drives and your mother might stay to listen to a blow-by-blow account of Headingley 1981.

Try taking the 13-stone Paul Gascoigne home complete with tartan shorts, belly-hugging vest and Florida pink skin and your little sister is likely to lecture him about belching and swearing on television and hating the Italians. This isn't just a matter of personalities. Even Bobby Charlton, hero of a thousand boyhoods, would be talked down to by the average middle-class Englishman.

Cricket has the good luck to have a plummy pedigree. Remember Francis Hayman's painting of cricket in Marylebone fields in 1747, the black velvet caps, black buckled shoes and white frock-dresses? Even now the sight of all those lithe white flannelled men on a green background, the dull thud of the cricket ball, the rippled applause and the smell of cut grass reminds one of public school and Oxbridge versus The Empire.

Whereas unless you play for the Old Etonian Subbuteo league at university, football equals north London and the Midlands, fathers taking sons to the terraces, Roy of the Rovers and bearded football managers.

When the most exercise British men get is walking to the video shop, taut-muscled sportsmen, should be in as much demand as beer on cup final day. But only some sporting heroes seem to be socially acceptable.

Those that play decent, venerable sports such as rowing (Henley Royal Regatta and The Boat Race), golf (the Royal and Ancient at St Andrews), horse racing (the Queen Mother and the Derby), athletics (Sebastian Coe, MP), rugby union (named after a public school) and tennis (Wimbledon), are forgiven almost anything. They may be rogues, but they are never thugs.

For the English cricket team throwing up your curry means dodgy prawns rather than a heavy night on the town. Provided they turn up at press conferences in blazers and not shell-suits, all is forgiven. Graham Gooch gets away with stubble that would disgrace an Essex pump attendant. Lester Piggott was still a hero even though he went to jail for tax and VAT fraud. Cathryn Fitzpatrick — the fast-bowling female Merv Hughes — got her muscles as a rubbish collector in Australia, but put her in a white pleated skirt and she is eminently decorous.

Money has little to do with it. A charity is more likely to woo Will Carling than Lennox Lewis and your father would not be impressed if your boxing fiancé turned up with his manager, a white limo, fur coat and tickets to Atlantic City or Las Vegas.

On the other side of the sporting tracks there are the boxers, football players, ice skaters, snooker and darts players. These sportsmen are considered interesting to watch as glamorous animals who have sweated their way up. But as soon as their careers have ended everyone knows that they start running pubs, marrying girls such as Mandy Smith and wasting any money that they didn't blow on nightclubs in dodgy business ventures. Only if, like Frank Bruno, they act out a caricature of a gentleman, are they asked on to *Desert Island Discs*.

Some of the spectators of course are different. The middle-aged women cheering on the boxers from inner city gyms are getting a different kind of pleasure from the clean-haired, tennis-mad teenagers hoping to take home Andre Agassi's sweaty towel. But a sport such as football often attracts the same supporters as cricket.

This kind of stereotyping has always existed, but it used to be a straight divide between amateur and professional. When Fred Perry turned professional and went to the United States he was fêted by Hollywood stars and set up a sportswear line. Returning to Britain he wasn't allowed to play at any British club and had to put on exhibition matches at Wembley.

The British still like to think of their sportsmen leaping over hurdles on which are balanced glasses of champagne on the lawn of a stately home in dappled sunshine.

We are far too snobby about our sports. Bill Alley, the former Test umpire, voiced the blind faith of a generation when he said of Botham: "If you made him prime minister tomorrow he would pick this country up in ten minutes". But would we trust even the most respectable snooker player?

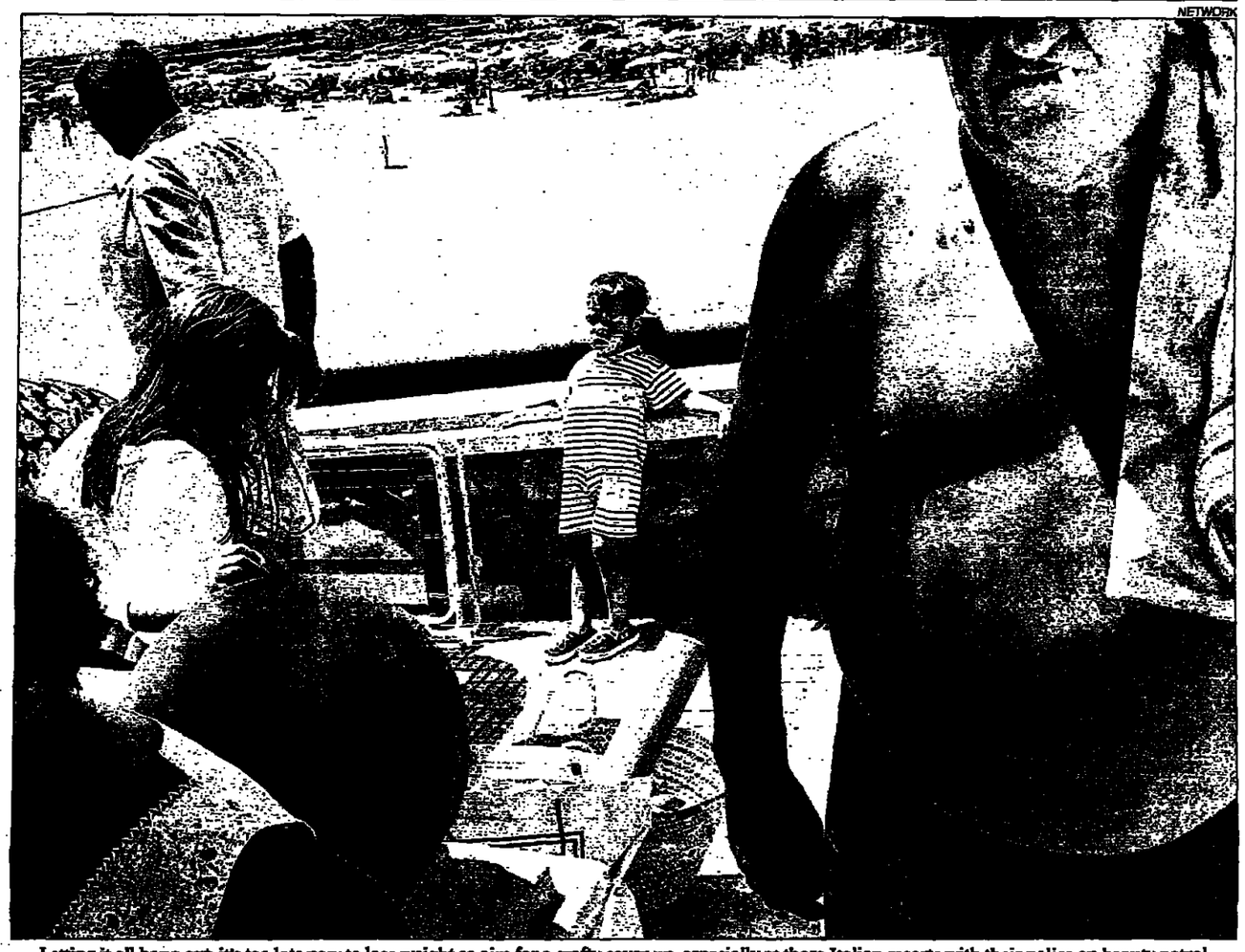
Beauty or a beast on the beach?

Julia Llewellyn Smith gives some tips on how to look attractively thin on holiday without the need to diet



NEIL MORRISON

Cheeky: but tight swimsuits can highlight excess fat and draw attention to cellulite



NETWORK

Letting it all hang out: it's too late now to lose weight so aim for a crafty cover-up, especially at those Italian resorts with their police on beauty patrol

To anyone who has put off chosing a holiday destination until the very last minute: beware. Do not even consider visiting the Italian riviera, unless you visit the gym on a daily basis, have the muscles of Arnold Schwarzenegger and the bone structure of Sharon Stone.

Ever concerned with presenting a *bella figura*, a handful of resorts on the north-west coast of Italy have decided to raise standards on the beach with some tough new by-laws. In Alassio, a smal resort near Genoa, the mayor, Roberto Avogadro, has banned loud music, beachball and nuisance traders from the beach.

Most controversially, Signor Avogadro has asked police to fine anyone wearing a swimsuit beyond the confines of the beach 50,000 lira (£22).

In nearby Diano Marina, the mayor, Elio Novaro, decided to go one better, by bending the rules to fit in with the tenets of Italian machismo. A spokesman announced that ugly women would be fined if they strolled around the town in bikinis, but pretty women could continue to wear as little as possible.

> 'Holidays are rapidly becoming a purgatory for the self-conscious'

The mayor's office hastily excused this as a joke, but Brigadier Luciano Falcone of the Alassio urban police said: "The bikini rule applies to ugly and beautiful alike. But a policeman can use his discretion — he might well chose to look the other way if he sees a pretty girl."

Once our annual visit to the beach was an excuse to let our minds and our bodies hang out. But, in a society increasingly obsessed with slimness, holidays are rapidly becoming a purgatory for the self-conscious. While children wear rubber rings around their waists, nature tends to grant adults the equivalent in the form of excess flesh. No wonder the girl in the itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny, yellow, polka-dot bikini was afraid to come out of the water.

Weight Watchers report a huge increase in people signing up for classes as summer approaches. But at least most of us, miles away from the critical eyes of friends and neighbours, can comfort ourselves that our cellulite does not really exist if it has only been spotted by the French, Germans and Italians.

For the famous, however, there is no respite. Every resort is crawling with paparazzi whose mission is to get a close-up of the beautiful people in an off moment. Earlier this week the newspapers were full of shots of Judy Finnigan, the presenter of ITV's *This Morning*, sunbathing on the French riviera. Judy, aged 44, devoid of make up, eyes squinting at the sun, in a strapless, pink bikini that cut into her like a tourniquet, was a million miles away from the sleek, designer Judy of daytime television and no doubt a reassuring sight to many of her fans.

All this interest was in a woman who in the celebrity fish pond ranks as a minnow. A photographer who gets a genuinely candid shot of one of the sharks can earn up to £50,000.

Daniel Angeli, the undisputed king of the paparazzi is reported to have made £1.5 million from his shots of Fergie unguardedly pinching more than an inch by the pool in St Tropez last summer — and a picture of the Princess of Wales in a bathing costume is a passport to a long and happy retirement.

By now it is probably too late to go on a diet or embark on a crash exercise programme, but there is no need to start researching holidays in Antarctica. Follow a few tips on undressing for the beach and all thoughts of diets can be postponed until next summer.

> 'Weight Watchers report a huge increase in people signing up for classes'

1 Seriously weigh up the benefits of a bikini. "Any woman who is over 30 and doesn't go to the gym on a regular basis should realise that one pieces are more flattering," says Mary Spillane, an image consultant of Colour Me Beautiful in London and author of *Presenting Yourself*. "You are forgetting who you are if you are stupid enough to wear a bikini. After a certain age every thing starts going southwards and a one-piece really helps hold the bits in."

2 Avoid anything which draws attention downwards. Do not wear a strapless top which can make the pertest bosom sag and consider a short haircut to draw attention to your face.

3 Avoid spaghetti straps that cut into the skin and look like a trussed turkey.

4 Avoid pastel colours and shiny fabrics which have an enlarging effect. A strong pattern on the top of a swimming costume and plain bottoms, draws attention away from the stomach and thighs.

5 Being brown may not be politically correct, but it does make you look slimmer. The problem is that the pallid British need several days on the beach before they start toasting, and many never go from red to brown. The way round this is to prepare a fake tan in advance. Ms Spillane says: "I don't recommend using a sunbed any more, but there are some excellent creams about. A tan makes everyone look healthy and I think it's worth risking the odd line or wrinkle for that."

6 Improve your posture by standing up straight, with your shoulders thrown back and stomach pulled in. Either stand or lie flat on your back, sitting up is the dangerous position for exposure of crumpling midriffs.

7 Go on holiday with someone fatter than you. Poor Mrs Finnigan was shown up by her husband Richard, who is seven years younger than her and considerably slimmer.

8 The flat chested can consider buying an inflatable bikini, on sale in California at $72 (£40).

9 Carry a sarong. "This covers up the danger areas," Ms Spillane says.

10 Avoid shorts. "The rear and side views are so unflattering," she adds.

Geordie boys turn soft

Once as hard as nails, Newcastle's men are taking to the beauty parlour



ANNE McELVOY

IT 1:9.30 on a Wednesday morning in the cosmetics department of Fenwick Newcastle upon Tyne, which announces itself with unabashed Geordie *oversatement* as "thebiggest beauty islard in Europe". The air is thick with unguents, scents and nail varnishes. At the *Clarins* counter a disappointed woman in search of a facial is being turned away. "I'm so sorry," the assistant says "but we've a men's promotion on and we're booked for the next few days".

I am half-way across the Tyne bridge when I think: "Hang on, *what* was that?" For as fearless as the men are in my native Geordieland, one thing that they did not do up here when I was a lass was hawfacials. The way that I remembered it, they had Lindisfarne's *Fog on the Tyne* as their anthem, Gazza as their hero and were "dead hard".

"Times have changed," says Eveline Hoggart, head of the cosmetics emporium sagely. "They're very worried about dry skin and wrinkles, what with the sharp winds around here, and all those irritants like cigarettes and pollution."

Men's beauty care, until recently the provenance of softy southern readers of *GQ* magazine, has taken the North East by storm. Mrs Hoggart, who is at pains to point out that her customers are "your average Geordie laddie", confides: "A few years ago my husband wouldn't have known what a deodorant was. Now he throws a wobbly if his eye cream runs out."



Tynesiders throw a wobbly if the eye cream runs out

Clarins, together with its rival Clinique, has achieved a marketing coup in this country by making skin care look like an exact science rather than an indulgence. The simple packaging, issuing of "prescription forms" and "check-ups" that lured the female of the species into believing in the miraculous properties of exfoliation have extended their magic to men.

The wisdom in the trade is that after-shaves and scented shaving foams opened the door to the male market; they were acceptable because they were for men only. After that, it was a small leap to cleansers and pore-closers and before you know it, their bathroom shelf has more tubes on it than yours.

All this was fine in the south, habitat of the New Man, but not so easy to convert to ringing tills in the North East, where the worst allegation that can be laid at the door of the full-blooded male is that he is "a poof". Newcastle United fans' chants, *Howay the Lads* and *Geordie had a pigeon*, reflect the dominant view of male identity.

Cherie Holden, a brunette responsible for acquainting the ignorant man with the needs of his epidermis, pursues a no-nonsense approach. "The knack of selling to them is to convey that skin-care isn't sissy," she says. "You have to convince them that going around the pubs on a Friday and on a Saturday doesn't mean that they cannot look after their skin."

The customers in the first week ranged from bank managers to a builder whose layer of concrete dust had to be scraped off before the facial could begin.

Dennis O'Connor, an unemployed shipyard welder wearing a Sunderland supporters' shirt, approached his appointment with some unease. "I was only browsing when I agreed," he said, with the air of one who has been caught out in an antisocial act. Half an hour later he emerged in more relaxed mood after a facial massage and mask and a splash of toner.

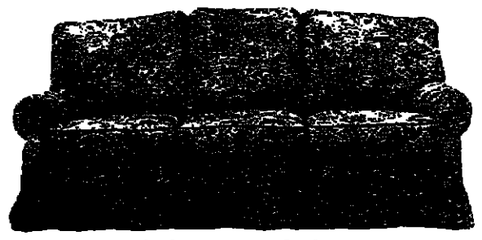
"THERE'S nothing wrong with looking after yourself," he said, but admitted that he would not be boasting of this to his mates. "They'd think I was soft." Ms Holden looks disapproving.

He takes away his three samples of moisturising fragrance (never *ever* mention the word perfume), foaming cleanser and hydrating lotion in the simple red-and-white "male-friendly" packaging, and promises to return.

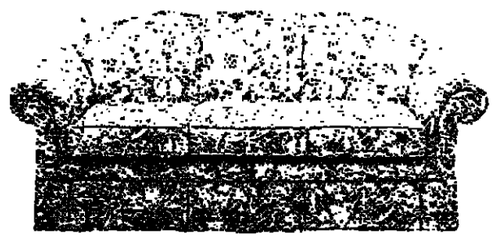
If Mr O'Connor fulfils the hopes of the Clarins marketing department and does return to buy all three products, he will have to fork out more than £40. With a bit of persuasion, he might even opt for this summer's hit, facial tanning lotion, as well.

Won't he jib at this abuse of good drinking money? "Not at all," Eveline Hoggart says. "Women are far more thrifty. They'll take maybe one product and come back next month for the next. The men don't want to know about the prices; they just say, 'Put them in a bag, pet' and that's that."

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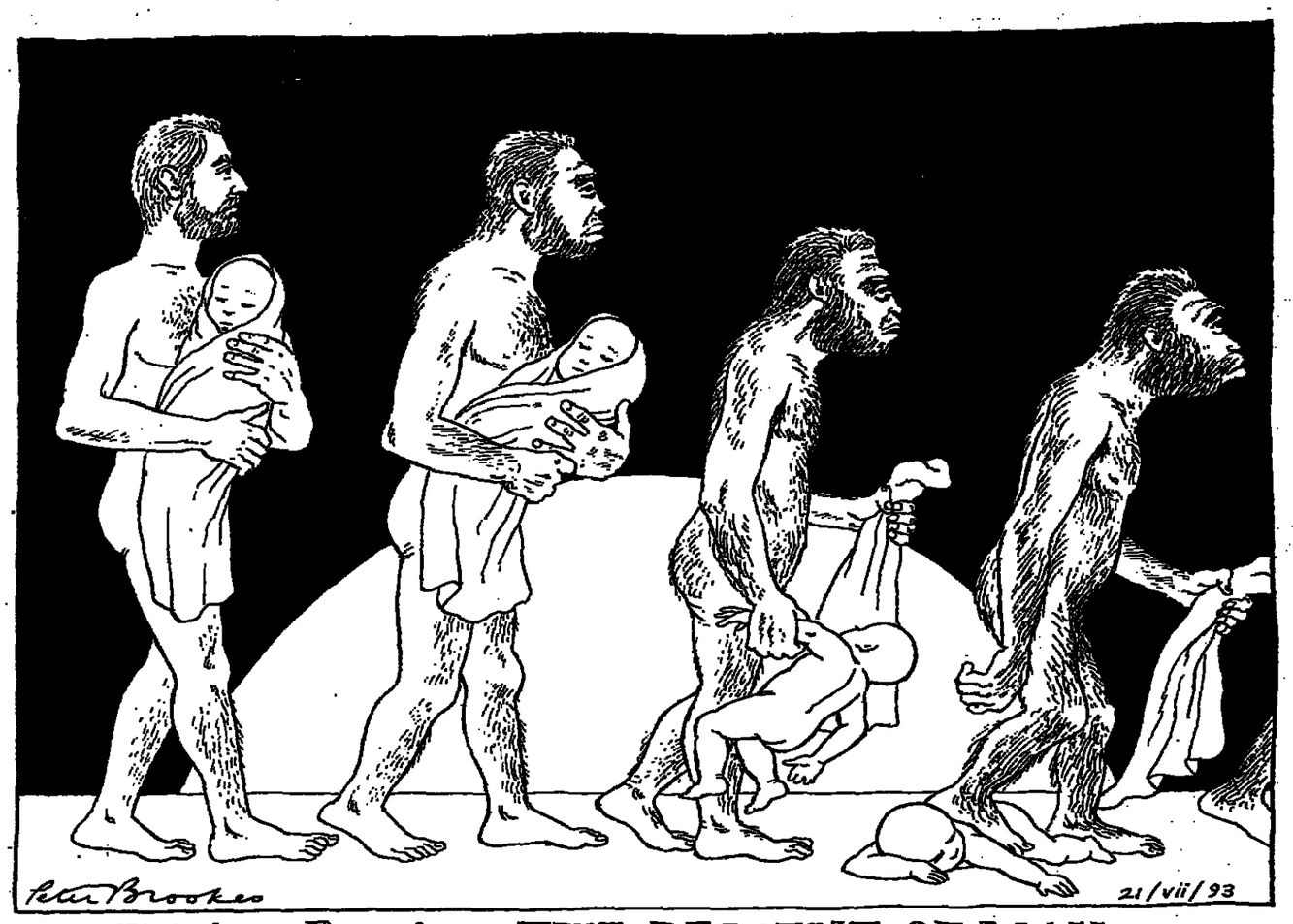
■ One has no great hopes from scientific advances; *only something direful*

What is the good side of all this? The good side of all this is that I can become extremely rich. I can pick up this telephone beside me right now and call Steven Spielberg and tell him I have this terrific idea for a movie. It is called *Mansfield Park*, and it tells the story of a brilliant geneticist who, one moonless night, insinuates himself into Winchester Cathedral with a pick and shovel, prises open a coffin that has snuggled beneath the north aisle these 176 years past, removes a titchy sliver of human tissue, and scuttles back home to his laboratory to begin cloning several hundred Jane Austens. These he then trucks to a charming entertainment complex, in the county of Northampton, where they are released to walk about beneath the trees and amaze Japanese tourists by sidling up to them and murmuring "There certainly are not so many men of large fortune in the world as there are pretty women to deserve them", or "A large income is the best recipe for happiness I ever heard of", before directing them towards the souvenir shop. This wondrous enterprise proceeds swimmingly until, of course, something triggers a rogue gene, and the Jane Austens start eating the customers.

What is the bad side of all this? The bad side of all this is that I fail to become extremely rich, and have to go to see my bank manager. He glances at the file which has been placed before him, puts his fingertips together, looks at me for a bit, and enquires why he should extend overdraft facilities to a man with an inherent predisposition to run off to Cap Ferrat with a big mulatto stripper, a course of action hitherto inhibited only by lack of funds? I ask him how he has arrived at this information, and he replies that while he is not legally bound to go into details which are the confidential property of his bank, he is prepared to disclose that when I recently blew my nose while waiting in the queue for his cash dispenser, my discarded Kleenex was sent off for genetic analysis to the Customer Service Department's laboratories, which subsequently apprised the bank's central database that my DNA profile contained a profligacy strain so egregious as to suggest it would be fiduciary suicide even to advance me five bob for a cup of coffee.

Yes, you cannot take your eyes off scientists for a second. I had been in France for only a few days, but came home to find all this going on. The newspapers seem to be full of nothing but genetic speculation and data abuse: it is impossible to open them without falling on articles observing either that everything known about us is known to everybody, or that if E.M. Forster's mother's gynaecologist had known what we know now, the world might never have had *Howards End*, a proposition so fraught with imponderability that the only response has to be Yes, possibly, but who is to say that, once her *in utero* genetic diagnosis arrived at a satisfactorily heterosexual option, she might not have given Britain a world heavyweight champion instead? Not, of course, that one excludes the other, or vice versa, it has long been rumoured that John L. Sullivan had a penchant for small boys, but you catch, I'm sure, my drift: as Wittgenstein finally concluded, it's a funny old world, one door shuts, another opens.

Except, that is, when one opens and two then shut. Is there no human advance able to arrive without a regression lumbering, twice the size, in its wake? While National Westminster customers will naturally be resigned to the fact that the computers introduced as a boon to benefit their lot now turn out to be a curse to threaten their little, for that is how it is with computers, the apparent fact that genetics is also proving to be quite so mixed a blessing is deeply distressing. It seems only yesterday that Watson, Crick and Wilkins were shaking hands with the King of Sweden and flying home to headlines garlanding them as discoverers of the secret life, and now where are we? According to Sunday's papers, the day is not far off when the genetic snapshots of every one of us will be neatly stored on some central computer, and you do not need to be told what that could mean, you were not born yesterday. You do, mind, need to be told what that could mean for those due to be born tomorrow: and if I were you, I'd start asking today.



Fojnica, Bosnia: THE DESCENT OF MAN

An honest word at last

If only the prime minister could let his hair down, the Maastricht debate might not bore the country rigid after all

Last month, John Major abandoned a prepared speech and gave a strong off-the-cuff address to a private dining club. It was a great success. He should tear up tomorrow's Commons speech on Maastricht. This is what he should say:

Simon Jenkins

Madam Speaker, I shall not mince words. This whole Maastricht farrago makes me sick. Here we are debating yet again a treaty that is boring the nation to death. The majority of MPs want it ratified — and preferably forgotten. We are having to debate it again not because the Opposition loves the social chapter. The House rejected that in May. We are debating it because a handful of Tory rebels, so Lord Tebbit says, will vote that the moon is blue cheese if it helps kill Maastricht. Hence today's absurd motion and tonight's farcical alliance between the Labour party and the Tory right. Each part of this alliance wants a result diametrically opposite to a government defeat: either the social chapter implemented or the death of Maastricht. The vote will achieve neither. This is madness. I shall return to these bird-brains in a minute.

First, Madam Speaker, let me deal with the Ulster Unionists. Children should close their ears. This is 18-certificate politics. Choosing between James Molyneux and William Cash takes a strong stomach. As in 1979, the Unionists are enjoying that brief moment of minority party power beloved of electoral reform addicts. Since I am as pragmatic as the next man, let me tell the Unionists right out: they can have more devolution in Northern Ireland. I want this too, but could not bring myself to give the Unionists anything without getting something back. Like the Roundheads, they are right but repulsive. Now I want something: their votes. And if they reject the bribe, they can catch the next plane to Dublin. We are not playing tiddlywinks any more.

Now let me deal with the motion. The will of Parliament has already been expressed in the bill which received royal assent last night. Maastricht should be ratified, and without the social chapter. A child of two can can add up the votes on this. I have no intention of disregarding that will. What is being voted on now is a nonsense forced on me by a handful of Tory rebels: that I should not implement ratification without a vote on the social chapter. This meant that they could continue their unholy pact with Labour, one of the more squalid manoeuvres in parliamentary history, Madam Speaker, if you want my candid opinion.

Two can play at this game. Since the rebels have used every twist and turn through the parliamentary chicane to pervert the expressed will of Parliament, I shall use every twist to defeat them. Like Shylock, "What judgment shall I dread, doing no wrong?" I shall have my bond. Parliament shall have its will.

I would have more respect for the rebels if I could detect in their tactic any wider strategy — other than a desire to topple me. If the motion tonight passes as amended, I am ostensibly bidden to negotiate Britain's acceptance of the social chapter. Both I and the rebels know that that is a disaster. I shall simply have to find a new way around the problem. It is fantasy to imagine that I shall abandon ratification just because of this alliance of convenience between opposites.

What of the ridiculous court case? I know the Garrick-lunching classes love arcane legal disputes: I might offer monarchical seduction and sodomy in the armed forces for their post-prandial scrutiny. But I believe Lord Rees-Mogg, Sir James Goldsmith and their friends may yet have their uses. If tonight's vote ends in shambles, I will resign myself to a long and impenetrable High Court case, followed by a white paper and some further vote in the autumn. These grandees may take me for a south London hick, but my lawyers are as rich as their lawyers. And I take amiss a bunch of migrant offshore financiers trying to give me lessons in British sovereignty. Inland Revenue please note.

Lastly on this subject, there is a theory doing the rounds that, given enough pressure, I will crack and that somehow Maastricht will crack too. I may say the "rounds" are mostly confined to Wapping and the Isle of Dogs: something snapped in the Fleet Street's collective brain when it deserted EC4.

I remind the House that I went to Maastricht in December 1991, negotiated a deal in good faith, signed it and was received back in triumph by my party and the press. Perhaps in retrospect I should have had a swift referendum. I would certainly have won it. But Margaret Thatcher did not have one after signing away a tranche of sovereignty in the Single European Act. She drove that through the House with whips and scorpions. Now she says she regrets it. What did Byron say? "A little still she strove, and much repented, / And whispering 'I will ne'er consent' — consented."

As for the rebels' hidden agenda, let them do their worst. They fought the 1992 election on an explicit manifesto commitment to Maastricht. I helped them win. If they don't like me, let them wait until the autumn, challenge me, beat me in open combat. Perhaps they can have Ken Clarke, Cambridge degree, QC and all. But they will still get Maastricht. They won't get the better of me by voting for the social chapter.

Now Madam Speaker, let me briefly raise the tone of debate. I should like to give the House, and the rebels, the benefit of my own views on Europe rather than those of the Foreign Office or my benighted speech-writers. The Maastricht treaty, as we know, is all but a dead letter. Look at the ERM. Look at political and defence co-operation over Bosnia. Look at the non-convergence of the EC economies. Look at French and German immigration laws. It is full of waffle and full of holes, a thoroughly bad bit of work. We knew that at the time.

Although I may infuriate some and sound pompous to others, I cannot stand wholly alone on this. Among European Community leaders, ratifying even bad treaties shows that we can deliver democratic consent to collective agreements. It is like rolling up your trouser leg and dancing three times round the circle blindfold. Maastricht was the tortuous construct of three old men in a hurry, Chancellor Kohl, President Mitterrand and Jacques Delors. It was the visionaries' last cry before the realists took over. But it was a treaty.

I did not sign it cynically. For Britain the negotiated exclusions made it just tolerable. They kept us out of the social chapter and monetary union and set scepticism in motion across Europe. For goodness' sake, let us keep our eye on what matters. What matters is ensuring that Maastricht does not further infest the British economy with Brussels dry rot. That means fighting in the Council of Ministers, making sure Delors is not reappointed, expanding the community so that its constitution must change and, above all, renegotiating Maastricht at the revision conference in 1996.

This renegotiation should tower over all else. It should be at the heart of our European policy. I believe Maastricht was the highwater mark of European "union". The 1996 revision must do three things. First, it must curtail drastically the powers of the Brussels Commission to initiate legislation and to meddle. Second, it must return a huge shopping-list of functions and subsidies back to member governments. And third, it must establish coherent accountability through the Council of Ministers. Is this not precisely what the more honest Eurosceptics want?

I want Britain to be the architect of the post-Maastricht treaty. The house that Jacques built, John will demolish. To help this revision, I mean to start immediately drafting, publicising, consulting our partners, Efta and Eastern Europe. If the 1980s was the decade of union, the 1990s will be the decade of subsidiarity. I welcome the sceptics' contribution to this.

But I tell you one thing. It is hopeless to embark on such a course unless we ratify Maastricht and put it behind us. Signing the treaty may have been a mistake, but sign it we did. It is part of Europe's history. To persuade our partners, especially the Germans, that over the next five years the engine must go into reverse, we cannot just blow it up and walk away. Don't be fools the lot of you.

Madam Speaker, I beg the House to reject the amendment and pass the substantive motion.

Ratify the rule of Parliament

The courts cannot overrule ministerial powers, argues **Lord Hailsham**

Since, without opposition from the government, which was represented at the hearing, the High Court has given Lord Rees-Mogg leave to proceed against the Foreign Secretary by way of judicial review, the technical merits of the case against the government's intention to ratify the Maastricht treaty are effectively *sub judice* and it would ill become me to attempt to enter into them. Still less would I wish to question the motives of Lord Rees-Mogg or his sponsor, Sir James Goldsmith, in making a move which is, to me at least, somewhat unexpected and unwelcome.

I believe however, that I am entitled to say that whatever the technical merits of the case, in a matter of such constitutional importance, it is Parliament, and not the courts, which must have the last word. I believe this development, if successful, would have most serious and sinister constitutional implications, and that it would behove any government, of whatever political persuasion, to put a stop to this application once and for all by an Act of Parliament.

In its present form, judicial review is an innovation dating from the 1970s. It was developed out of the old prerogative writs of *mandamus*, *certiorari* and prohibition, and the little-used action for a declaration, largely as the result of the ingenuity and brilliance of the late Lord Diplock, one of the most original and creative legal minds of the 20th century, whose genius has never been given its due acknowledgment.

Judicial review was given statutory backing by the Supreme Court Act 1981. Before that it was, to my mind, always of doubtful legality, and since it was based, albeit unavowedly, upon American analogies, it was always open to misuse in a British context. The danger was that it might be used to blur the vital separation of power between the judiciary, which must, of course, remain apolitical, and the avowedly political branches of cabinet government and Parliament, to which ministers are ultimately accountable.

From the first, however, the new jurisdiction has proved both productive and beneficial. It has shown itself to be a useful brake on the unlawful use of power by subordinate bodies of all kinds, including ministers, when they have either exceeded their given authority or acted otherwise improperly or in defiance of common sense.

What was never apparent, however, was the extent to which the constitutional process could be challenged in the courts in matters in which the correctness of a judgment was itself political and so clearly determinable only by Parliament, either as the forum to which ministers are accountable or in its supreme legislative capacity. This is the question which, depending on the result of the pending proceedings, may now have to be addressed by the courts, by virtue either of their inherent jurisdiction or of the statutory right conferred on them by the Supreme Court Act 1981.

It is not too much to say that before the development of the process of judicial review, no one would have believed it possible to challenge before the judiciary the constitutionality of ministers' use of their treaty-making powers based on the prerogative, subject always to their total accountability to Parliament either in its political or in its legislative capacity.

If this question is not rightly answered, we shall in effect be transferring to judges some of the political and legislative powers of Parliament. These limits must in the end be decided by the supreme legislative power of Parliament itself, whatever, in their judicial role, the courts may decide to be the present legal situation.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone has been editor of Halsbury's Laws of England *since 1972.*

Out of court

AS EURO-SCEPTICS celebrated Lord Rees-Mogg's first round victory in the High Court on Monday, there was a notable absentee from the evening's junketings: Rees-Mogg himself. With so much on his mind, he forgot all about a party being thrown in Westminster by the patron of the anti-Maastricht cause, Lord McAlpine.

It was only the persistent tail-wagging of his two-year-old Yorkshire terrier, Bella, that ensured he got to the party at all. Rees-Mogg explains: "My wife, daughter and I were taking Bella for her walk. The door of the McAlpine house was open and someone we knew called us over. So we all went in. It was a very jolly party which we were glad we did not miss."

Rees-Mogg, however, declined to try the soirée's star dish: Maastricht pie, baked by Brian Seddon, a butcher in Eccleshall, in the Stafford constituency of the arch Euro-sceptic MP Bill Cash. "We had already eaten. But it looked



Cash thought it "delicious" and is delighted that Maastricht has brought at least one benefit to his constituency. "The pies are a sellout. They have been good for Brian's business," he admits. Seddon, a champion pork-pie maker, marinates the steak in garlic and red wine ("we are not anti-Europe, just anti-Maastricht") for three days, and then cooks it with shallots and button mushrooms.

Bella, however, politely declined an offer of a terrier-sized slice. Rees-Mogg explains: "I think she was much more interested in keeping her nightly appointment with a lamp-post."

Enoch's writ

IT'S NOT only the Tory whips who are making overtures to the Ulster Unionists. The Euro-sceptics are not averse to trying to strike a deal of their own. In particular, they hope Enoch Powell, the original Euro-sceptic, might be persuaded to have a discreet word with his former colleagues.

Powell, who quit the Tories over the Common Market in 1974, but returned to the Commons as Ulster Unionist MP for South Down, still wields considerable influence in Unionist circles. As one Euro-sceptic MP says: "We want Enoch to try to stiffen their resolve."

Fax of the matter

IT IS the last thing the Arts Council needs, as it waits for Peter Brooke's verdict on its future, but a vicious, anonymous and alarmingly well-informed document attacking the council is in circulation. The four-page fax has been sent to most of the ten regional theatres that stand to lose their grants under the impending review. Most have greeted it with unrestrained glee.

The document takes a hefty swipe at the internal workings of the council and at its decision-making processes. While much is too libellous to reproduce, the thrust is summed up thus: "There is a mood of desperation at the Arts Council. Senior officers are alarmed that if they do not deliver the required cuts, they will lose their jobs."

The Arts Council is obviously taking it seriously. Secretary-general Anthony Everitt has fired off a defensive fax to worried thesplans, saying: "The conclusions are based on a farrago of misinformation and misrepresentation."

Nonetheless, while the hunt for the smoking fax machine continues, so does the gossip. Nick Rogers, general manager of the Bristol Old Vic says: "if it is all true, it is rather sad". Equity's Katherine Sand believes the document must have been written by a council officer. "It must be someone on the inside, because the information is so good. It confirms our worst suspicions."

● *Marketing wheeze it may be but Brian Phillpotts, general manager of the Redworth Hall Hotel near Darlington, has got to fill his coffers somehow. As a man with a house now worth £20,000 less than his mortgage, he is offering an extra night's stay and a free bottle of champagne to couples similarly caught in the "negative equity" trap, if they book in August or September. Recovery permitting, of course.*

DIARY

Local level

MAASTRICHT may be the word on most Euro-rebel's lips, but for some there are pressing concerns much closer to home. Nicholas Budgen, the vociferously anti-Maastricht Tory for Wolverhampton South-West, is trying to quell a revolt on the doorstep of his Staffordshire home.

The rebels in this case are appalled by a planning application that Budgen has submitted to the local council to build 15 new homes in a field he owns on the outskirts of the small village of Colton. Letters of protest have been dispatched to Lichfield district council, and the village hall has been the scene of an angry meetings.

Budgen is prepared to give eight metres of land each to those whose houses already back onto the field but his offer cuts no ice with the rebels. "He can't buy us off like that. Once you build a few houses, there's no knowing where it may end up," says one. So will Budgen increase his offer? "We've already offered a pretty substantial amount of land," he says. "But I'll talk about that with my wife."



Clinching and squirming

Embarrassment is not a trait one associates with the BBC's director-general, but in a radio programme next week John Birt reveals how he suffered one particularly toe-curling incident with Mick Jagger in the 1960s. It was 1967 and Birt, then a researcher for *World In Action*, was making a programme about for drugs and been freed almost immediately, pending appeal.

After Jagger's sentence was quashed by the court of appeal, Birt took Jagger to Battersea heliport, where Marianne Faithfull was waiting. All three then clambered into the helicopter. It was a distinctly tight squeeze. Birt recalls in next week's Radio 2 programme *What a Drag it is GettingOld: Mick Jagger at 50*.

"They immediately locked in passionate embrace on the back seat of this helicopter," he says. "Marianne Faithfull sat me to enjoy the countryside and look out the window as best I could."

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RACE FOR THE TRUTH

Discussion of ethnic issues should not be feared

Winston Churchill's renewal of his campaign against immigration will strike many as foolhardy after the fierce criticisms he provoked when he last addressed the question of race. Mr Churchill, who believes that racism must be fought by stemming immigration, weakened his case on that occasion by getting his facts wrong. He spoke of a "relentless flow" of migrants, although primary immigration to Britain is now little more than a trickle, and claimed, quite wrongly, that immigrants make up more than half the population of some northern cities. His outburst was summarily dismissed as old-fashioned and irresponsible.

Mr Churchill's analysis is indeed wrongheaded. There is little prospect of violent racism flaring as it has in Germany or of a Jean-Marie Le Pen emerging in this country. Recession and a moderate Conservative government — both classic seed-beds of racism — have not led to a resurgence of far right thuggery. The rivers of blood predicted sonorously by Enoch Powell 25 years ago have never flowed. Yet the thousands of sympathetic letters which have reached Mr Churchill indicate a level of popular concern about race, culture and national identity which is unarticulated in public life.

No society can afford to keep its fears and resentments secret. Today, *The Times* launches a series of articles examining the fortunes of the British immigrant community in the last 40 years, in the hope of stimulating informed debate free of social taboos, ideology, or prejudice. Some findings are encouraging. The gradual emergence of a black middle class has proven to young people from immigrant families that their aspirations are worth pursuing. Black writers are making a distinctive and exciting contribution to the nation's literature.

Other trends are more alarming. Proportionally, the black community has far more single parent households than any other ethnic group in Britain, apparently because many young black men refuse to confront the responsibilities of parenthood. The mere mention of such statistics is regarded by some as racist. But to many black children these figures are already a bitter reality and one that is beginning to be addressed by black community leaders and commentators. It might be argued that journalism on this sort of subject provides fodder for bigots. On the contrary: it is only by courageous and open discussion about race and society that bigotry can be defeated.

In America, the idea of the multi-ethnic "melting pot" is in serious jeopardy. Cultural tolerance is giving way to the hateful creed of racial separatism and a political correctness that endorses anything as long as it is not white and European. The assumption that more or less unrestricted immigration is an economic and social good has been challenged. In Britain, Commonwealth immigration has almost stopped. But the families of those who came here after the second world war in search of work and security are growing rapidly. How the immigrant community assimilates to, or distances itself from, the host culture will become increasingly important. Religion may yet prove more important than race as a barrier to understanding.

A strong society is unafraid of such questions and openly assesses its management of race relations and treatment of migrants. A weak society that lacks cultural confidence beats its chest, dithers and buries its head in relativism — or bigotry. True multi-culturalism is defined not by the differences between the cultures within a society but by the core values that unite them. Deciding on those core values is a task in which all must join; racial harmony is poorly served by silence.

NUCLEAR BRINKSMANSHIP

North Korea must prove soon that it is not just playing for time

The Clinton administration has chosen to present America's latest round of talks with North Korea, which ended this week in Geneva, as "a step in the right direction". In truth, in the most important test since Iraq of the effectiveness of the rules governing nuclear non-proliferation, the world seems little closer to discovering whether North Korea is on the verge of producing a nuclear bomb. There are strong indications that this is the case. North Korea has lied to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) about the weapons-grade plutonium it has illegally produced. American satellite pictures have revealed large underground facilities at two suspect nuclear sites, and last March, it threatened to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) rather than submit to special IAEA inspections.

North Korea could be merely playing a game of nuclear bluff, in the hope of extracting aid for its bankrupt economy in return for allowing inspection of nuclear facilities which are in fact innocent. But that is unlikely. According to Russian intelligence, Pyongyang has already developed chemical weapons and has illegally produced and tested biological weapons. The testing in May of North Korea's Rodong-1, a missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead and of reaching Japan, underlines the urgency of detecting any breach of the NPT.

The only firm public evidence of flexibility to emerge from the Geneva talks — offers to help North Korea's nuclear power industry and to improve bilateral relations provided Pyongyang co-operates — comes from the American side. With one exception, America obtained no more from these negotiations than it did last month in New York, when North Korea agreed to "suspend" its decision to withdraw from the NPT. The exception is that Pyongyang has now promised to reopen "consultations" with the IAEA; but its assent is so hedged with conditions as to provide almost infinite scope for procrastination. North Korea insists, notably, that it will agree to IAEA inspections only if it is satisfied of the agency's "impartiality". This is a coded repetition of its denunciation of the agency as America's catspaw, one of the excuses it has used since February to keep the inspectors out.

So long as it is within the NPT, North Korea has an absolute obligation to declare all nuclear facilities and submit to scrutiny. The UN Security Council has, in theory, the power to order the government to remain a signatory on pain of sanctions. Partly on the insistence of China, which could veto such a move, and partly because of South Korea's anxiety not to back its supremely unpredictable and formidably armed northern neighbour into a corner, America is trying a mixture of carrot and stick.

Earlier this month, President Clinton stood in the demilitarised zone and warned the North Koreans that to use nuclear weapons would visit upon them such overwhelming American retaliation that it "would mean the end of their country". Conversely, Pyongyang has been given to understand that compliance could ease its diplomatic isolation and open the door to Japanese and South Korean trade and aid. The gamble is that North Korea's economy is in such desperate straits that its ageing "Great Leader", Kim Il Sung, will grab the carrots even at the cost of being exposed as a nuclear cheat. But it seems increasingly possible that North Korea is playing for what time it still needs to join the nuclear club — and that the regime's hardliners view Western hesitation as proof that the nuclear option pays. There is virtue in patient negotiation, but only if there is reason to believe that it will produce the desired results, and produce them soon.

OL' MAN RIVER

Nature in America has never been civilisation's ally

The great American flood of 1993 is a disaster on a scale normally associated with such vulnerable countries as Bangladesh. Television pictures have shown an inundation stretching as far as the eye can see, with the roofs of isolated farmhouses no more than tiny islets in a sea of stinking, brownish water. Some 23,000 homes have been flooded. 30,000 people forced to flee and an area the size of England laid waste at an estimated cost of $10 billion in damage.

For those living alongside the Mississippi, there is no doubting the elemental misery inflicted by Ol' Man River. But the flood, submerging the squabbles and materialism of daily life, has also galvanised America, bringing out a selflessness, gritty defiance and a pioneering concern for fellow Americans in adversity that only natural catastrophes nowadays seem to evoke. Thousands of volunteers have joined in trying to save the lives and livelihoods of those affected. Prisoners have worked alongside police in strengthening levees. President Clinton has been seen embracing the victims in a spontaneous gesture that has done wonders for his popularity.

The flood has reminded a nation grown nonchalant about the advances of engineering, scientific prowess and the conquest of space that their continent is still subject to the caprice of nature in a way that few other developed nations experience. Unlike European Romantics, the early Americans never viewed nature as romantic or benevolent: it was the foe of civilisation, whose extremes of heat, cold, disease and elemental fury constantly overwhelmed the pioneers' attempts to tame and settle the land.

Something of that suspicion of nature remains: only in the US is there such an abiding fascination with the weather and natural disasters: the hurricanes in the south, the tornados of the midwest, the snowstorms of the eastern seaboard, California's earthquakes. In the past 50 years, however, hubris has tried to defy nature. Americans have come to demand the comforts and conveniences of the suburbs, no matter where they live. They have built villas in the scorching desert, farms in traditional flood plains, holiday homes along the storm-prone coasts of Florida and Texas.

The Army Corps of Engineers, proud of a century's record of taming rivers and draining swamps, has given assurances that levees and storm walls, dykes and irrigation can offer the protection without which these homes are uninsurable. The Mississippi has proved them wrong. The Great Flood is more than a natural disaster. Constricting a raging river invites occasional catastrophe. Mark Twain never lost his respect for the Mississippi. The people of Hannibal are now learning again that the old awe is the homage the river demands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The defendant's right to trial and redress for injustice

From Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association

Sir, Professor Zander (letter, July 16) seeks to justify the proposals of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice restricting the defendant's right to jury trial. He repeats the recommendation that, where the prosecution and the defence cannot agree, the magistrates could be trusted to take the decision as to whether the defendant should be tried by a jury.

That feeling of trust is somewhat shaken by the fact that in those instances where magistrates did direct that cases be tried at the Crown Court well over half the defendants received sentences which could have been imposed by the magistrates.

It is also worthy of note that Home Office research, published in 1988, on mode of trial hearings at the magistrates' court showed that the magistrates' decisions were in line with the prosecution recommendation in 96 per cent of cases. This amazing statistic is recorded in a footnote to the royal commission's report (chapter 6, para 11).

The commission itself acknowledges that research evidence shows that magistrates are more likely to convict than a jury where the trial is contested. It is scarcely surprising that in these circumstances the Criminal Bar strongly opposes entrusting the vital question of jurisdiction to the magistrates.

Yours etc,
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July 16.

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, Of the 352 recommendations made by the Runciman commission, the proposal to set up a Criminal Cases Review Authority (CCRA) to consider allegations of miscarriages of justice appears uniquely to have attracted approval. May I inject a note of caution, and propose an alternative method of handling alleged miscarriages of justice?

The commission states (chapter 11, "Correction of Miscarriages of Justice", para 24) that it is reluctant to set specific criteria by which the CCRA would select cases for further investigation and reference to the Court of Appeal. But why the hesitation? Any criteria adopted by the CCRA which differed from those currently laid down by the Court of Appeal in cases referred to it would be a recipe for friction between the new body and appellate judges.

Would it not be simpler and preferable if the question of rehearing an appeal against conviction were left to the Court of Appeal to decide? A simple amendment to the law would be necessary, whereby the court could entertain a second application for leave to appeal in the same case, and the court would of course need to be staffed by a unit of professional investigators to select the cases for further investigation. This would require setting up an organisation within the structure of the court to perform a task which is essentially judicial — namely, the assessment and evaluation of fresh evidence and new legal arguments.

The commission argues persuasively in the same chapter (para 8) that the review body should be independent of government, but less persuasively that it must be independent of the Court of Appeal. It states that their roles are different and that the Court of Appeal is neither the most suitable nor the best qualified body to supervise investigations of this kind.

That was not the view of Parliament in 1907 when it set up the Court of Criminal Appeal. Section 9(d) of the Criminal Appeal Act of that year provided for the appointment of a commissioner in certain circumstances to carry out investigations on behalf of the court. It was dropped from the Criminal Appeal Act 1966 only because the power was never used. The Runciman commission does not deign to refer to the 1907 power, which should now be revived.

There is another reason why the CCRA proposal is flawed. The recommendation (para 19) is that the authority should not be subject to judicial review. This reveals a worrying lack of understanding of contemporary attitudes to public law. No public body performing a public service should be beyond all judicial scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr M. S. Chance

Sir, In your columns last year (July 21, 1992) I expressed the view that the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice should recommend only necessary changes to the system, so I am not among those who feel that an opportunity for root-and-branch changes has been missed.

But the proposal to end the right of trial by jury in a wide band of cases is controversial. Central to the debate is the fact that benches of two or more lay magistrates are increasingly being replaced by stipendiary magistrates sitting alone.

If the proposal is adopted it is vital that "stipes" hearing increased numbers of serious cases should be seen to be patient and careful. The government places considerable emphasis on the speed at which "stipes" work. But sometimes long lists mean they are all too obviously in a great hurry. Advocates feel inhibited in testing the evidence to the extent they consider necessary. Defendants can feel they have had an unfair crack of the whip. Sir James Comyn, a respected High Court judge, made this point forcibly in an article published in *Justice of the Peace* (February 22, 1992).

"Stipes" tend to be appointed at an age when they can expect to serve for 20 or 30 years. Occasionally, boredom and irritation set in. This can discourage able lawyers from themselves seeking appointment. Why not some short-term appointments with suitably revised pension arrangements? Why not an overt acknowledgement that good "stipes" can expect to move up the judicial ladder fairly quickly.

Crown prosecutors form a substantial proportion of practitioners in the magistrates' courts. They are not eligible for appointment as "stipes". There is no corresponding prohibition in Scotland. For the criminal justice system to be fair, Crown prosecutors need to be careful and judicial in their approach to their work. These are just the qualities required of "stipes".

Removal of the prohibition would substantially increase the pool from which "stipes" are appointed as well as rendering appointment as a Crown prosecutor more attractive to the able young lawyers.

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From Mr Alan Dyer

Sir, Mr Anthony Bilmes's letter (July 16), defending the police against charges that they are motivated by the desire to achieve convictions rather than justice, ignores the fundamental point — that many of the miscarriages of justice which have so far come to light are the result of dishonest police practices.

Our first concern must surely be the re-establishment of the highest standards in the police.

Yours etc,
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Style and the BBC

From Canon Peter Harvey

Sir, It is good to learn (reports, July 5, 6; letters, July 12) that the BBC newsreaders are now being advised to eschew such American-style phrases as throwing "rocks" instead of "stones", but there are elementary changes in *pronunciation* which also need attention.

It is well nigh impossible these days to hear a news bulletin, whether on TV or radio (there are only one or two honourable exceptions here), in which controversy is not pronounced as *controversy*, formidable as *formid-able*, ordinarily as *ordinarily* and so on. There are also lapses in basic grammar — especially in the frequent use of split infinitives.

The BBC inevitably has a great influence on public usage and it is not being pedantic to require a reversal of these deplorable trends.

Yours faithfully,
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Finding moral leads

From the Reverend Frank Dossetor

Sir, Mr Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, thinks (report, July 8) that the Church should give a moral lead against the proliferation of single mums.

I can assure him that at nearly every wedding something is said about the sacrament of marriage and the benefits that come to children from having two loving parents; and any teenager present would be impressed by the atmosphere.

Perhaps he expects some prelate to appear in the media to point out that an increase in one-parent families means a decrease in grants for the arts, and longer hospital queues.

Many clergy have no time for this sort of exhibitionism. If people want a moral lead, let them go to the building designed for such activities.

Yours,
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July 8.

From Mr Roger Few

Sir, Mr Peter Lilley's inclination to see unmarried mothers as a danger to the economy (report, July 9; letters, July 12) is not new. Dr John Good's *Letter to Sir John Cox Hippisley, Bart. on the Mischiefs Incidental to the Treadwheel* (London, 1824) tells of two women at Guildford with infants at the breast who were condemned to the treadmill for putting their parishes to expense by their inability to provide for their illegitimate offspring.

When the cruelty of this treatment was exposed, Mr Thomas Harrison, the chairman of the Surrey Sessions, responded that the treadmill was good for rheumatism and prevented varicose veins.

The new, and more cunning, punishment for unmarried mothers of the poverty trap will no doubt soon be credited with its own health-giving properties.

Yours faithfully,
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Ball gowns, furs and parachutes that defy the decades

From Mrs Anita Law

Sir, Mrs Winty Thornton (letter, July 10) asks whether the wives of the "well-worn" gentlemen who have written to you recently (June 29, July 2, 3) still wear their 50-year-old gowns to special occasions.

Yes! A few years ago I inherited a 50-year-old mink coat from an elderly friend who died in New York. It was sent by mail and when I queried its delayed arrival with Customs and Excise was informed that it was awaiting inspection at the Natural History Museum. I said I knew the coat was old but surely not that old! It was eventually received.

In winter it now walks arm in arm with the 1929 overcoat inherited by my husband. We are both younger than these garments. Well, just!

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Evelyn Ennis

Sir, My daughter has a "Susan Small" evening gown of my mother's from the 1950s. It would be in pristine condition, had not my mother used the outer half skirt to make lamp shades.

Yours faithfully,
EVELYN ENNIS,
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From Mrs W. F. K. Thompson

Sir, Earlier this month I wore my 53-year-old gown to a party where 1940s dress was "preferred". It needed no alteration to accommodate my advancing years as, happily, I had been pregnant at the time.

The result of that pregnancy still wears his father's morning suit and tails (made by Hawkes in May 1937 as replacements for ones stolen just before the coronation of George VI), while my grandson periodically sports his great-grandfather's shooting jacket.

Yours faithfully,
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July 10.

From Mrs Ronald Coaker

Sir, I have lent my granddaughter, for her school-leavers' dance, a silver lace dress which my mother wore in about 1924, together with the original hair bandeau and aigrettes.

Yours faithfully,
JOHANNA COAKER,
Daleacre House, Lockington, Derby.

From Mrs S. S. Bajpai

Sir, The other Saturday I attended a wedding and instead of a hat I wore an Indian silk dupatta (long scarf) with gold-thread embroidery. This is a family heirloom, nearly a hundred years old.

The bridegroom's mother told me that, in a famous Knightsbridge store, she had seen (but not bought) a hat resembling the Taj Mahal and costing £900. Perhaps it is as well that men's clothes last as long as this fascinating correspondence suggests.

Yours sincerely,
ALISON BAJPAI,
Lucknow Suite, The Grand,
Folkestone, Kent.

From Mrs Arthur Rose

Sir, I recently wore, to a school function, a ball gown of my mother's: it was made some years before she died in 1959 and needed no alteration. I also have the dress she wore to the coronation of King George VI: it fits beautifully but I doubt if I, in my seventies, shall be asked to any occasion grand enough to justify its appearance.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDA ROSE,
89 The Causeway,
Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.
July 11.

From Mrs E. M. S. Horne

Sir, At our wedding in 1947 I wore, under my wedding dress, a petticoat made from a nylon parachute. It is still my only long petticoat, it is still in pristine condition and I wear it with evening dresses and long skirts.

Yours faithfully,
ELSPETH HORNE,
South Cottage, 58 West End,
Kemsing, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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The best man to head the bank?

From Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home

Sir, It is widely rumoured that Miklos Nemeth, "a trained economist who studied at Harvard" (report, July 20), is a potential candidate, if not the favourite, to succeed Jacques Attali as president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, where he is at present a vice-president. However, the reality behind his track record is somewhat different.

The five months he spent in Harvard in 1975 did not prevent him later promulgating economic principles which were the antithesis of those that Eastern Europe now needs — principles which ruined the economy of his own country, Hungary.

After graduating in the late 1960s from Karl Marx University of Economic Science, Budapest, Nemeth joined the economic department of the Hungarian Communist party and is associated with prime minister Karoly Grosz's strategy of little or no reform, and incurring large-scale debts to finance state investment.

In 1987 he became prime minister; but the tide had started to go against him and the opposition was able to insist on being included in round-table talks with the communists. As a result free elections took place for the first time, ousting Nemeth from office.

A man who has been in charge of a bankrupt and totalitarian regime should not be considered as a candidate to head an organisation which has been censured for profligacy, lack of accountability and carelessness — to put it mildly — about probity.

Yours etc,
JESSICA DOUGLAS-HOME,
63 Hillgate Place, W8.
July 20.

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Crozier disclosures

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, In his commendable eagerness to defend the reputation of his old friend Nicholas Elliott (letter, July 14), Sir Peter Tennant may have overstretched the limits of the credible. The fact that Elliott, having unmasked Kim Philby, was in Zaire when the spy absconded is hardly relevant. Elliott was in Beirut when he did the unmasking, and could therefore have arranged surveillance while he was still there.

Let us, however, probe more deeply into the intentions of the then "authorities". I met Philby several times while we worked for *The Economist*, when he was brought back to London for consultations. If the Macmillan government and MI6 had wanted to bring Philby to justice, it would have been easy for either *The Economist* or *The Observer* (his other employer) to bring him to this country, and for Elliott to confront him here. The problem of sovereignty would not have arisen, and Philby could have been arrested in London and duly charged.

The fact that Elliott volunteered to confront him in Beirut confirms the thesis that the "authorities" wished to avoid the embarrassment of a trial, giving Philby due notice, and that Elliott went along with this approach. Zaire is irrelevant.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CROZIER,
303 The Linen Hall,
162-168 Regent Street, W1.

Sea of statistics

From Dr G. B. Hey

Sir, Simon Jenkins's article ("In the service of numbers", July 3) on the crass use of statistics by Whitehall to engender "efficiency" in the professions was both timely and perceptive.

We are now reaping the bitter fruits of the computer generation. As a general practitioner I am leant on more and more heavily to produce reams of computer-generated statistics which purport to prove to the authorities my industry and application (and also to generate a significant proportion of my income).

It is now apparent that because the parameter of activity is *measurable* it then automatically becomes *a measure* of efficient performance.

Qualities like kindness, courtesy and sensitivity are distinctly unmeasurable, and are therefore at best taken for granted, or at worst ignored. They should not be rare virtues, but if relegated to the status of irrelevancy they may well become so.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM B. HEY,
The Surgery, 143 Park Road,
Camberley, Surrey.

On the home front

From Mr Roger Macdonald

Sir, If Bernard Levin's correspondent (July 20), forced by police to pay for damaging a window of a car parked uninvited in his front drive by youths attending the Glastonbury festival, wants to recoup his money, it can be done quite simply. Next year he should buy several car clamps and erect a small notice saying that illegally parked cars will be clamped, then ask a large sum to release the clamps.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER MACDONALD,
6 Cecil Aldin Drive,
Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 20: The Lord Vestey (Lord Prior of the Order of St John) was received by The Queen.

Mr Richard Edis (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Maputo) and Mrs Edis was received by Her Majesty.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP (Secretary of State for Defence) and the Rt Hon Gillian Shephard MP (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honorable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Band of the Scots Guards and the Central Band of the Royal Air Force played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning held a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening for Germany.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 20: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening took the salute at the Royal Tournament and afterwards attended a Dinner to celebrate the British Forces Broadcasting service Golden Anniversary at Earls Court, Warwick Road, London SW5.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 20: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 20: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Kew Royal Botanic Gardens Foundation, this morning visited the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 20: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Dragoons, this morning received Colonel Robert ffrench Blake.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 20: The Duke of Gloucester today visited the East of England Show, Peterborough and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 20: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Royal Lancers, today received Colonel Shaun Longsdon on relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the 17th/21st Lancers, and Major-General Alistair Dennis on assuming the appointment of Colonel of The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Reception at the Royal Fine Art Commission, 7 St James's Square, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.



A peer of note: Sir Yehudi Menuhin taking his seat in the Lords yesterday as Baron Menuhin of Stoke D'Abernon. The violinist and conductor was sponsored by Lord Jakobovits, right, and Lord Armstrong of Ilminster

RHS flower show

Foliage plants vie with summer colour

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

AS WELL as all the flowers of high summer, attractive foliage plants feature strongly at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday.

Rarely do we see such a large collection of phormiums (New Zealand flax) at a show as that staged by Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall. These garden plants, with their sword-like leaves, are currently very popular and the new ones that are being introduced are even more colourful. Among the 27 different cultivars on this stand are the recent introductions 'Apricot Queen' (cream leaves, striped green, with an orange edge), 'Jester' (pink, with a green edge), and 'Duet' (leaves striped green and yellow).

Brockings Exotics, of Launceston, Cornwall, are showing tender perennials including part of the National Collection of cannas with bold foliage and flamboyant lily-like flowers, and named cultivars of coleus which are creating a dazzling display with their red, yellow and orange foliage.

Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset, have brought along a large collection of trees and shrubs with attractive foliage, including conifers and acers, and *Idesia polycarpa* whose large heart-shaped leaves have conspicuous red stalks.

Among the wealth of summer flowers, Dickson's Nurseries, of Newtownards, co. Down, in Northern Ireland, are providing a rare opportunity to see some of the roses they will be introduced over the next ten years. Many of the 40 or so cultivars being shown are promising shrub roses and are not yet named.

A big attraction is an exhibit of white-flowered herbaceous plants from Green Farm Plants, of Bentley, which includes the little-seen *Swainsonia galegifolia* 'Albiflora', with large white pea-like flowers and ferny pinnate foliage. There is also a collection of blue-flowered plants, which includes *Calamintha nepeta* 'Blue Cloud' with clouds of tiny mid-blue flowers. This exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Although the lily season was early this year, the RHS Lily Group has nevertheless staged a good selection of late-flowering kinds, including Lilium 'Moonlight', a giant Aurelian hybrid at about 5ft high bearing large yellow trumpet-shaped flowers.

Several competitions have been staged, including the RHS ornamental plants' competition and the British National Carnation Society's competition.

In the RHS summer fruit and vegetable competition, the vegetable division is very well supported, but the fruit division is down on previous years due to an early season. The RHS Hogg medal for six dishes of fruits has been won by Alan Buller, of Chessington, Surrey, with cherries 'Early Rivers' and 'Morello', gooseberry 'Invictor', apple 'Discovery', and plum 'Laxton's Early Prolific'. The Hayes (Kent) Horticultural Society has won the class for six dishes of fruit staged by an affiliated society, with an impressive collection of berries: red currants 'Laxton's No. 1' and 'Rondom', black currant 'Ben Sarek', white currant 'White Versailles', gooseberry 'Leveller', and raspberry 'Glen Prosen'.

In the vegetable division Mr J. Trim, of Hythe, Hampshire, has won the class for six kinds of vegetables with leek 'Welsh Seedling', celery 'Turner's White', parsnip 'Bayonet', onion 'Buffalo', potato 'Kestrel', and cucumber 'Pepinex 69'.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.F.H. Corner and Miss H.A. Williams
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr and Mrs Neil Corner, of Leyburn, North Yorkshire, and Harriet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Williams, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr M.J. Matthews and Miss S.G. Selkirk
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr H.R.C. Matthews and the late Mrs J.A. Matthews, of Swallowcliffe, Salisbury, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Selkirk, of Market Bosworth, Leicestershire.

Mr A. Milburn-Stone and Miss F.H.M. Essame
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs T. Stone, of Parsons Green, London, SW6, and Felicity, younger daughter of Major and Mrs P. Essame, of West Stafford, Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr R. Nordlund and Mrs D.M. Haggqvist-Manders
The engagement is announced between Reinhold (Ray) Nordlund, of Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and Doreen Mary Haggqvist-Manders, of Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Mr W.J. Nott and Miss K.A. Fuchs
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Robert Nott, of Ovington, Suffolk, and Mrs Ann Nott, of Polstead, Suffolk, and Kerstin, daughter of Dr and Mrs Christian Fuchs, of Wohltorf, Hamburg.

Mr F.R.W.A. Sligo-Young and Miss F.E.L. Dunning
The engagement is announced between Fergus, youngest son of Lieutenant Commander T.ff.B. Young, RN, retd, of Taunton, Somerset, and Mrs C. Stuart-Stevenson, of Fife, Scotland, now living in Melbourne, Australia, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Dunning, of "Packwood Farm", Reimberg, Luxembourg.

Mr J.R. Sellicks and Miss C.J. Wilford
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Sellicks, of Stoneygate, Leicester, and Caroline (Polly), daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilford, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

Mr I. Stewart-Hunter and Miss P. Millard
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of Mr and Mrs H.R. Stewart-Hunter, of Steyning, Sussex, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Forster Millard, of Karen, Nairobi, Kenya.

Marriages

Mr A.E.G. Lewis and Miss K.M. Grahame
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 10, at St Stephen's Church, Great Wigborough, Essex, between Mr Alexander Lewis, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Lewis, and Miss Katrina Grahame, daughter of Major Iain Grahame and Mrs William Suttaford. The Right Rev Michael Vickers, Bishop of Colchester, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Daisy Bidwell, Marcus Morris-Eyton and Fergus Wigan. Mr Justin Goad was best man.

A reception was held at Moulshams Manor, Great Wigborough, and the honeymoon is being spent in France.

Mr J.R. Woosnam and Miss M.F. Owen
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Heckfield, Hampshire, of Mr James Woosnam, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Woosnam, of Builth Wells, to Miss Madeleine Owen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Owen, of Hartley Wintney. The Rev Arnold Bennett officiated.

The bride was attended by John and Alexander Arkell, Katherine Woosnam, Edward, Katherine and Harriet Nutting, Nell and Cleo Watson, Henrietta Grant, Thomas Lyle and Edward Pease. Mr Julian Carlisle was best man.

Reception

Centre for Business and Public Sector Ethics, Cambridge
A Reception was held by the Centre for Business and Public Sector Ethics, Cambridge, yesterday afternoon at the Royal Over-Seas League, St James's, London, for a preview of the Centre's new major book *Government Ethics*, edited by Rosamund Thomas, PhD. The guests included:

The Lord Campbell of Croy, the Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, Dame Anne Mueller, DCB, His Honour Judge J.W. Rant, QC (Judge Advocate General of the Forces) and the former JAG, Mr James Stuart-Smith, CB, QC, and Mrs Stuart-Smith; Mrs Veronica Sutherland, CMG (Deputy Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and senior representatives from other Government Departments, the professional Chartered Institutes and the Confederation of British Industry.

The Institute of Legal Executives

The Institute of Legal Executives held an inauguration reception and dinner on Friday, July 16, to mark the election of their new lady President, Mrs Jennifer Savage.

The Guests of Honour included:

Sir Donald and Lady Harrison, Mr Charles Elly (Vice-President, The Law Society), Senior District Judge Sonnex and District Judge and Recorder Catlin (Reading County Court) and Council Members and Officers of The Institute.

Birthdays today

Dr Heather Angel, wildlife photographer, 52; Professor Frank Ashley, Dean of the Dental School, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, 51; Dom Aidan Bellenger, head master, Downside School, 43; Sir Nigel Broackes, honorary president, Trafalgar House, 59; Sir Andrew Buchanan, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 56; Mr John Burrow, chief constable, Essex, 58; Mr Henry E. Cotton, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 64; Dame Joyce Daws, thoracic surgeon, 68; Sir Stephen Egerton, diplomat, 61; Miss Buchi Emecheta, writer, 49; Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, 63; Mr Norman Jewison, film director, 67; Sir Kirby Laing, former chairman, Laing Properties, 77; Dr Jonathan Miller, film, theatre and opera director, 59; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, KG, 78; Mr Bill Pertwee, actor, 67; Mr Julian Pettifer, broadcaster, 58; Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, 65; Mr Karel Reisz, film director, 67; Mr Michael St John Parker, headmaster, Abingdon School, 52; Mr Isaac Stern, violinist, 73; Mr D.J. Trevelyan, principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 64; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 64.

Appointment

Edward Clay to be British High Commissioner to Uganda.

Royal Society of Medicine

Diplomas of Honorary Fellowship were presented at ceremonies in the Society's House yesterday to: Professor Kenneth D. Bagshawe, Professor Robert G. Edwards, Professor Vladimir Z. Gorkin, Dr Gordon Jackson Rees, Dr Erwin J. Kopin, Professor Ivan Maurice Roitt, Robert N. Thomson and Sir David Innes Williams.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Paul von Reuter, founder of the news agency, Kassel, Germany, 1816; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Oak Park, Illinois, 1899.

DEATHS: Robert Burns, poet, Dumfries, 1796; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Hythe, 1928; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, 1962; Basil Rathbone, actor, New York, 1967.

Meeting

The Royal Academy of Engineering
The 17th Annual General Meeting of The Royal Academy of Engineering was held in London yesterday. Sir William Barlow, FEng, President, was in the chair. The following were elected and are entitled to use the designatory letters FEng:

Honorary Fellows (HonFEng): Sir Michael Atiyah, Sir Wilfrid Newton, Viscount Weir.

Foreign Members: Dr Claude J Frejacques (France), Dr Reuven Leopold (USA), Mr Jan Moksnes (Norway), Professor Palle R Rao (India), Dr Jens Rostrup-Nielsen (Denmark), Professor Jorg Schlaich (Germany), Dr Shoichiro Toyoda (Japan).

The Royal Academy elected the following 49 new Fellows:

Mr Dennis J Allan, Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, Mr Hugh E K Allen, Dr Raymond W K Allen, Mr John A Armitt, Dr David Arnold, Professor Michael F Ashby, Professor Vidal Ashkenazi, Mr David Bayliss, Dr Peter L Bonfield, Professor William Bonfield, Mr Edmund J P Browne, Mr Richard I Case, Mr Herbert A Clements, Professor John D Denton, Mr Roger S Dobson, Mr Alexander M Dorrian, Mr Anthony J Fitzpatrick, Mr Alexander Fleming, Mr Malcolm S Fletcher, Mr Raymond W Hall, Professor Harold C A Hankins, Mr Jeffrey W Herbert, Dr Graham B Lawson, Dr David Lindley, Professor G Stuart Littlejohn, Professor John R Mallard, Mr Benjamin J Mayo, Professor Keith J Miller, Professor Roger M Needham, Professor David A Nethercot, Professor John J O'Reilly, Professor Arthur D Olver, Mr Philip N Paul, Mr Christopher M Pearce, Professor John D Perkins, Mr Frank C Price, Professor Stephen R Reid, Mr John W Robb, Dr Alan F Roberts, Dr John B G Roberts, Mr Brian H Rofe, Mr Sidney J Swadling, Dr Howard P J Taylor, Professor Michael J Underhill, Mr William J Uttley-Moore, Professor Brian Wilshire, Eur Ing Royce O Windley, Dr Michael D Windram.

Royal Fine Art Commission

Princess Alexandra attended a reception given yesterday at 7 St James's Square to mark the launch of the Commission's Annual Report. Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of The Royal Fine Art Commission, was host and members of the Diplomatic Corps, HM Government and both Houses of Parliament were present.

Royal College of Physicians

A ceremony for the admission of new members was held at the Royal College of Physicians of London yesterday. They included: Dr Lilly Dubowitz, Dr Elizabeth McClemont, Dr Michael Peters and Dr Margaret Spittle.

Memorial service

Lady Roderic Pratt
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Roderic Pratt was held yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson officiated. Mr Adrian Pratt, son, and the Marquess of Abergavenny read the lessons.

Among others present were:

Lord Roderic Pratt (husband), Mr and Mrs John Johnstone (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Adrian Pratt (daughter-in-law), the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury (brother-in-law and sister), Pamela Lady Egremont (sister), Viscount Cranborne, Lord Valentine Cecil, Lady Charles Cecil, Lord and Lady Egremont, the Hon Harry and Mrs Wyndham, Mr and Mrs Colin Chisholm, Lord Michael Pratt, Lady Mary Pawle, the Hon Mark Agar, Mrs John Whitcombe, Mr and Mrs Mark Bence-Jones, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, Lady Rose Clowes, Lady Anne Wheeler, Sir Francis and Lady Brooke, Miss Emma Brooke, Sir John Fuller, Mr Anthony Fuller, Mrs Andrew Johnstone.

Penelope Marchioness of Zetland, the Dowager Countess De La Warr, Lord and Lady George Scott, the Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle, Viscount and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady Hambleden, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lord and Lady Iliffe, Lady Soames, Lord Savile, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Shand, Lady Kennard, Lady Baring, Joan Lady Carew Pole, Lady D'Avigdor Goldsmid, Sir Hamner and Lady Hanbury, Lady Abel Smith, Sir Roger and Lady Houssemayne du Boulay, the Rajmata of Jaipur.

Princess Lobanow-Rostovsky, Mr Robert Lyle, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr and Mrs Julian Fellowes, Major Hugo Waterhouse, Mr and Mrs Michael Thompson, Colonel and Mrs Gerard Leigh, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Mrs Roderick Heathcoat-Amory, Captain and Mrs A H V Villiers, Mr John Phillimore.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will dine with officers of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard at St James's Palace at 8.00.

The Prince of Wales, as patron, will attend a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.25.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the Natural History Museum, will visit the scientific departments at 10.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will visit the East of England show at Peterborough at 11.05.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a reception at Guildhall at 7.00 to mark the RAF's 75th anniversary.

The Duke of Kent, patron, will open the British Defence Industries Hall at the Tank Museum, Royal Armoured Corps Centre, Bovington, Wareham, at 11.30; and, as patron, British Menswear Guild, will visit Reynolds and Kent, The Oak Factory, Westbury, at 2.40.

Dinner

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee
Sir Gerard Vaughan, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, was host last night at a dinner held at he House of Commons after Mr Christopher Sundt, Dr Donald Davies and Mr Rodney Wallis addressed members of the committee.

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Listen carefully, O man, to all that I have to say to you, and take it to heart. Ezekiel 3 : 10

BIRTHS

BRAY - On July 19th, to Elspeth (née Moncrieff) and Charles, a son, Alastair Charles Michael.

GRAHAM - On July 14th, to Bridie (née Cameron) and Donald, a daughter, Jennie Alexandra Cameron, a sister for Caitriana and Violet, always remembering Alasdair.

HAMILTON - On July 17th at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Ally (née Mellor) and Andrew, a son, Henry Alexander John, a brother for Jamie.

LANE - On July 12th 1993, to Ruth (née Anstee) and Peter, of Porwell, a daughter, Annabel Julia, a sister for Jonathan and George.

LEWERS - On July 15th, to Pamela (née Priddle) and Nigel, a son, Alexander William.

NEWTON - On July 12th 1993, to Clare (née Swanzy) and Roderick, a son, Harry George, a brother for Alice, Sophie and Frederick.

OWEN - On 19th July to Sue and Derek, a daughter, Claudia Louise, a sister for Olivia and Thomas.

PARRY - On July 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Johanna Waterous and Roger Parry, a beautiful son, Benjamin, a robust 9lbs 8oz.

SANDERSON - On 14th July 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Damaris (née Masson-Taylor) and Tim, a son, Maximilian.

STUDHOLME - On July 15th 1993, to Joanna (née Thompson) and Andrew, a son, Cosmo Edward Gilfred.

DEATHS

ANDREA - On 18th July 1993, Roland Cecil (Roy). Cremation at Golders Green at 12 noon in the West Chapel on Friday 23rd July. No flowers please.

ANNAND - Moira Nita Osborne (née Leebody), age 87, widow of J.B. Annand, mother of Michael, Jennifer, Rowena and Hazel. Died peacefully at home on 18th July after a short illness. No flowers please. Donations to East Herts Hospice Care Service, c/o George Blow, Church Street. tel: Welwyn (0438) 714686.

ARMSTRONG - In his 93rd year peacefully on 19th July at Stinchcombe Manor Nursing Home, Frank Dillworth. A much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Private family cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at Stinchcombe Parish Church, details to be announced at a later date.

BERRIDGE - Barbara. On Sunday 18th July 1993, peacefully at home, after a short illness borne with great fortitude. Barbara, Senior Housemistress, The High School, Bedford, much loved sister, aunt and friend. In accordance with her wishes, commemoration at 11.30 am on Friday July 23rd at Friends Meeting House, 8 Lansdowne Road, Bedford. Fresh flowers only - no wreaths. Donations to charity. Enquiries to: Arnolds Funeral Service, tel: Bedford (0234) 359829.

CARGILL - Suddenly in Cambridge on 17th July, Alexander Michael aged 41 years, much loved son of Rhoda and Ian. Private cremation in Cambridge.

COLBECK - Peacefully on 19th July at Parc-y-Llyn Nursing Home, Ambleston, Dyfed, Clements Markham Colbeck C.B.E. of Penfforddl, Llanychaer, Fishguard, aged 85. Husband of the late Margaret, much loved father, stepfather and 'Big Mark' to all the grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends both in the local community and in the aviation world in which he was closely involved for many years. Funeral Service at St David's Church, Llanychaer, Fishguard, 1 pm Friday 23rd July. Family flowers only please or donations in lieu if desired to Children's Cancer Research c/o Lloyds Bank, West Street, Fishguard. Further enquiries to Jackie Jenkins & Son Funeral Directors. tel: (0348) 873076.

COLMAN - On July 18th 1993, David Stacy aged 87, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, husband of the late Sallie. Funeral Service at St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday July 27th at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations to International Christian Relief or Royal Shrewsbury Hospital's League of Friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday October 16th 1993 at 3.15 pm at Shrewsbury School Chapel. All enquiries to W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: (0743) 344646.

CROSBIE - On 18th July 1993, suddenly at The Clarendon Hotel, Exmoo aged 72. Manager of The Clarendon Hotel, Blackheath, London. Beloved brother and uncle, he will be sadly missed by his family, staff and friends of The Clarendon. Requiem Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Cresswell Park, Blackheath Village, at 11 am on Friday 23rd July 1993, followed by interment in Eire. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord.

DOUBLEDAY - Gordon Vincent, husband of the late Margaret Elsa Verder, on Friday 16th July, peacefully in the presence of his children, Jane, Andrew and John. The funeral service will be held at St Peter's Church, Great Totham, on Friday 23rd July at 11.30am.

EVANS - On July 14th 1993, sadly at home Jean Elizabeth Evans (née Roberts), much loved mother of David and Denise and daughter-in-law Sheila, grandmother to Mark, Tim, James, Gemma and Andrew. Thanksgiving Service for her life at St Mary's Church, Selattyn, on Thursday July 22nd at 2.30pm. All enquiries to David Davies and Sons, tel: Oswestry (0691) 653116.

FLETCHER REDRUP - Demetrios, passed away on 20th July whilst exploring the world and life. He will be greatly missed by all who have been touched by his simplicity.

GIBSON - On July 20th 1993, peacefully at Landwade, Angela Madeleine (Bang) aged 96 years, beloved wife of the late George Gibson and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Exning, on Tuesday July 27th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds, c/o Southgate of Newmarket Funeral Directors, 26 Duchess Drive, Newmarket, Suffolk.

HARTLEY - On Friday 16th July 1993, Dr. Alice, widow of Reginald Hartley, peacefully in her sleep at La Hamie House, Residential Home, Jersey CI. Will be sadly missed by her family and surviving sons Michael and Richard Renton Riddell. No flowers please by request. Donations in lieu may be sent to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, Beaumont House, Beaumont Street, W1N 2AA. All enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd, Funeral Directors, 69 Kensington Place, St Helier, tel: (0534) 33530.

HEATH - On 19th July, peacefully at The Larches, Canal Hill, Tiverton, Devon, Pamela, aged 79 years, formerly of Withleigh, Devon. A dearly loved sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral Service at Withleigh Parish Church on Friday 23rd July 1993 at 12 noon followed by interment. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Withleigh Church c/o Rev. H. Whitty, The Group Rectory, Withleigh, nr. Tiverton, Devon EX16 8JG.

HENNESSY - See Jauregui.

HENSON - Patricia, on 19th July, aged 66, peacefully in Sevenoaks Hospital having fought cancer bravely and cheerfully. Loving wife of the late Basil and mother of Anna, Belle, Nigel and Jeremy who will miss her dearly. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on 23rd July at 4 pm. Family flowers only please, donations appreciated to help build local hospice, c/o The Development Campaign, Hospice at Home, Allen Gardiner House, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3QU.

HOUISON CRAUFURD - Alexander James, Lieutenant Colonel M.C. On July 18th peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Funeral private. No flowers.

JAUREGUI - On July 16th, peacefully, Caroline aged 51, much loved wife of Carlos, beloved mother of Carlos and Lucilla, loving daughter of Robert and Valerie Hennessy. Requiem Mass Thursday July 22nd 11 am at the Brompton Oratory. Family flowers only. Donations to Britta Dolan Memorial Cancer Fund c/o Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W8, tel: (071) 937-0757.

MACKENZIE - On July 18th 1993 on her birthday at St Martin's Hospital, Bath, Anne (known as Dickie). Beloved wife of Eric and very dearly loved sister of Audrey Mary Power. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary, Charlcombe, Bath, on Monday July 26th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for either the Dorothy House Foundation or Arthritis Care (Bath) c/o E. Hooper and Son, 13 St James Parade, Bath, tel: (0225) 422040.

MACKENZIE - Suddenly on 19th July in hospital at Basingstoke, Andrew, late of Belfast, beloved husband, father and grandfather. No letters please.

MADGE - On 16th July, peacefully at Westacre Nursing Home, Winchester, Anne Hermione (Wendy) aged 90, beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. Hubert Madge and a dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 22nd July at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Friends of Winchester Cathedral c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester.

MOLYNEUX-CORAN - Peacefully, on Sunday 18th July 1993, at her home, Caldy, Thornhill Park, Ramsey, Isle of Man, Dorothy Helen, aged 96 years. Beloved wife of the late Charles (formerly of Liverpool), dear sister of Norman and a loving aunt to all her nephews and nieces. Funeral on Friday 23rd July, 11 am, at Kirk Christ, Lezayre, Isle of Man, for service and interment. Enquiries and floral tributes to Corkhill & Callow Ltd., 34 West Quay, Ramsey, tel: (0624) 813114.

MONTGOMERY - On July 19th, Joan Frances (née Lawrie), peacefully at Forest Place, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Edmunds R.C. Church, Traps Hill, Loughton, Essex, on Thursday 22nd July at 10am. No flowers, donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

NASH - On July 16th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Fay, in her 91st year, widow of Bill and an adored mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be so sadly missed. The funeral has taken place.

OVERTON - John Russell suddenly but peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after many months of illness, valiantly borne. A dearly loved husband and father. Funeral Service at St James Parish Church, Brightlingsea, on Wednesday July 28th at 1pm. All friends and former colleagues welcome to attend. No flowers please but donations to the Addenbrookes Kidney Patients Association and the R.N.L.I. c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, St Andrews Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

PONTIUS - Gordon Stuart Malzard on Monday July 19th 1993. Husband of Helen and father of Richard, Betty-Lou and Tim. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place in Jersey on Thursday July 22nd at 3 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Jersey Cheshire Home Foundation c/o Mrs B Bedford, Jersey Cheshire Home, Rope Walk, St Helier, Jersey. All enquiries please to H.W. Maillard and Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 37291.

STEPHENS - On July 18th 1993, Alice Alethea, died very peacefully in her sleep at Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, aged 96. Loving wife of the late Harold Edric Stephens, mother of Christopher and Barbara, Terry (who died aged 9) and Jennifer, grandmother of Patrick and Harriet. Funeral at Cholderton Church on Friday July 23rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations for SSAFFA c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL. tel: (0722) 413136.

TRUMPER - On July 18th 1993, suddenly at his home in Cerne Abbas, Dorset, Richard David (Dick), former Chief Development Engineer, Westland Helicopters. Service at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday July 23rd at 11 am. Cut flowers or donations for St Mary the Virgin Church, Cerne Abbas, c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset, tel: (0305) 262338.

WALEY-COHEN - On July 19th, Gwynedd Mary, aged 83, peacefully at home. Widow of Matthew, dearly loved mother of Helen and Geoffrey. Cremation at Haycombe, Bath, on Monday July 26th at 12 noon. Memorial Service to be held in Exford on Thursday August 12th at 3 pm. Friends welcome at either. No flowers.

WELFORD - On 8th July 1993, in Grugliasco, Turin, Stephen John, much loved and mourned by his English and Italian families, friends and colleagues. Communications to his parents' home (091) 3710680.

WHITEHOUSE - On 17th July 1993, John Lees (Johnny) died peacefully at home, 38 Sussex Road, Parkwood, Johannesburg. Much loved and missed by Jilly, Jenny, James, Christopher, Peter, amongst many others.

WILKINSON - Sandra (née Appleton) of Leeds of Charlotte Rose House, Cheltenham, peacefully after a long illness on July 19th 1993 in the Sue Ryder Home, aged 43 years. The beloved wife of John. Funeral Service will take place at the Sue Ryder Home Chapel, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham, on Monday July 26th at 11 am, followed by interment at Cheltenham Cemetery. Donations may be sent to the Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham, GL51 6XX.

WILLIAMS - On July 18th, peacefully, Hilary Williams (née Bryant) aged 86 years. Much loved wife of the late Gwilym Williams and mother of David and Caroline. Service at All Saints Church, Sanderstead, on Friday July 23rd at 12.30pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

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OBITUARIES

SIR ALEXANDER TURNER

Sir Alexander (Kingcome) Turner, KBE, former President of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand and noted legal author, died in Auckland on July 6 aged 91. He was born in Auckland on November 18, 1901.



ALEXANDER TURNER first attracted national attention as an advocate in New Zealand largely by his success in two Court of Appeal cases — *R v Gardner* in 1932, and *R v Phillips* in 1949. In these cases he was chiefly responsible for persuading the Court of Appeal to exclude from evidence at criminal trials confessions procured by the police by threats or inducements.

Later, as a judge in the Court of Appeal, he would write one of its most important judgments in another case of this kind (*R v Convery* in 1967) and still later again in another case (*R v Naniseni* in 1971). In 1952 he took silk (being one of the first to do so in the reign of the present Queen) and, as he put it, was not allowed to make any money, for in the following year he was appointed a judge.

He became senior judge in Auckland in 1958. In 1962 he was elevated to the Court of Appeal, of which he became president in 1972. He was knighted in 1963, sworn of the Privy Council in 1968 and advanced to KBE in 1973. As a judge, Turner was especially interested in questions of evidence and among the first on the New Zealand bench to adopt a cautiously distinctive New Zealand approach in this and other fields.

Alexander Turner was the oldest of four sons of Joseph and Gertrude Turner of Christchurch, New Zealand. Joseph Turner became Latin master and later deputy headmaster of Auckland Grammar School. He died at the early age of 44 leaving his family poorly provided for.

Alexander was 11-years-old at the time. He was educated at Mount Eden School and Auckland Grammar School and then on a scholarship at Auckland University where he gained his BA in 1921, an MA in 1922, and his LLB in 1923. He later served for 16 years as a member of the university's governing council.

He became a clerk in a small firm of legal practitioners in Auckland, and remained there for six years until setting up on his own account in 1926. He was later joined by two other partners, and the firm he helped found (now known as Kensington Swan) has since become one of New Zealand's largest.

In 1973 Turner retired from the presidency of the Court of Appeal to start what he called his "fourth career" as a legal writer and editor. He was invited by the publishing firm, Butterworths, to assume responsibility for organising the New Zealand Commentary to the fourth edition of *Halsbury's Laws of England*. This prestigious undertaking occupied a large part of the remainder of his life, because it involved commissioning and writing commentaries to more than 50 densely packed volumes. The work became the foundation for *The Laws of New Zealand*, which started publication in 1992, under the general editorship of Sir Robin Cooke.

Turner became a director of Butterworths of New Zealand and its editor-in-chief, supervising the commissioning and writing of a succession of legal textbooks. These included new editions of indigenous texts, such as Garrow's *Criminal Law in New Zealand*, and entirely new works such as Brown and Grant's *Intellectual Property*.

But the works for which Alexander Turner will be most widely remembered by lawyers in the United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth are his new editions of the series of classic texts on the Common Law by George Spencer Bower.

These were: *The Law Relating to Estoppel by Representation* (1923), a second edition of which Turner brought out in 1966 while still sitting in the Court of Appeal, and a third in 1977, after retirement from the bench; *The Doctrine of Res Judicata* (1924) which he revised in a second edition (in 1969), also while still on the bench; *The Law of Actionable Misrepresentation* (1911), of which he brought out a third edition in 1973, and the last work he edited while still a judge; and *The Law Relating to Actionable Non-Disclosure* (1915), the second edition of which was edited jointly by Turner and Richard Sutton, and published in 1990.

Outside the law, Turner's interests included table tennis and tennis (in his youth he was Auckland table tennis champion in 1926, and Auckland mixed doubles tennis champion in 1931).

His interest in tennis as a broadcasting commentator and administrator continued into his forties. In later years he enjoyed golf and gardening, but literature and the arts were his lifelong recreations.

He made many friends during the course of his "four" careers and his longevity enabled some of these to organise a glittering celebration for his 90th birthday. His portrait by the late Evelyn Page was commissioned by Butterworths for their office in Wellington.

In 1934 Alexander Turner married Dorothea Frances Mulgan, now Dr Dorothea Turner, a distinguished classics scholar and music critic. They had two sons and one daughter. He is survived by his wife and three children.

HAROLD HARRIS

Harold Harris, publisher and former literary editor of the *Evening Standard*, died on July 17 aged 78. He was born in London on January 20, 1915.



AMONG Harold Harris's stock of after-dinner stories, one of his favourites regarded the discovery of the unknown Frederick Forsyth. Harris first met Forsyth in the late 1960s when, as a young and newly unemployed BBC foreign correspondent just back from Biafra, Forsyth approached Hutchinson with an idea for a book on the Biafran cause in the Nigerian civil war. Harris, then editorial director of Hutchinson, decided not to publish this book but was very interested in Forsyth's next proposal for a first novel called *The Day of the Jackal*.

Forsyth duly produced the first draft and offered the manuscript to Harris, who at this point had second thoughts. Instead of immediately accepting the book he rejected it, as did another four publishers, before re-examining his decision. Hastily Harris sent Forsyth on a mission to retrieve the manuscript from another editor's empty office at Michael Joseph (the editor was fortunately out to lunch). Harris then signed Forsyth to a three-book contract, resulting in *The Day of the Jackal* (1971), *The Odessa File* (1972) and *The Dogs of War* (1974) — all best-sellers and later turned into films.

Despite the commercial success of some of his authors, Harris was essentially one of the old breed of gentleman publishers, whose interests lay in editing his authors well, not in marketing them. He was born in St John's Wood to a practising Jewish family, the son of an electrical engineer, and one of three brothers. Harris won a scholarship to St Paul's but rejected the idea of university for an early start in journalism, and joined the *Kilburn Times* as a reporter.

Having picked up fluent German from a spell in Germany after school, he served as an intelligence officer during the second world war, and earned the distinction of personally arresting Ribbentrop in Hamburg in June 1945.

On his return to England he joined Industrial Newspapers, based in Covent Garden, and by 1948 was the editor of trade journals for the bakery and tailoring industries as well as such titles as *The Fish Trader's Gazette* and *Tobacco*. He went on to join a subsidiary company of Hutchinsons as managing editor in charge of their six trade journals.

Harris was by this time a well-read man with friends in the literary world and eventually his talents were rewarded with more suitable employment. In the early 1950s he joined the *Evening Standard* as literary editor, where he was responsible for bringing out a four-page books supplement once a week.

He left the paper in 1962, having been headhunted by Hutchinson for the post of editorial director and in 1975 was made deputy managing director.

Harris enjoyed encouraging new talent, and had a good eye for the general flaws in a manuscript, though the minutiae of copy editing was not to his taste. He also had the generous and popular habit of taking his authors out for three-hour lunches at his favourite restaurant — The Gay Hussar — to discuss editorial changes. The list of his authors was impressive and included, at various times, Lord Longford, Norman Mailer, Stanley Middleton, Tim Severin, Penelope Mortimer and Andrew Boyle.

Boyle's *The Climate of Treason*, which came out in November 1979, was a particularly hot piece of property in the publishing market, leading as it did to the exposure of Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" by forcing Margaret Thatcher to make a statement about Blunt's spying activities in the House of Commons. The British Secret Service made strenuous attempts to read the manuscript before publication, but to all such external pressure, Harris remained unmoved.

Arthur Koestler was another of his authors, and Harris was made his literary executor on Koestler's death from suicide in 1983.

In 1980 Harris retired, though he was kept on a retainer with Hutchinson and found lucrative employment as a freelance editor advising English and American publishers. Latterly he turned his attention more fully to the activities of PEN, an organisation with which he was involved since the early 1970s, when he helped to sort out English PEN's disorganised finances. Harris was particularly active on the Writers In Prison Committee, campaigning tirelessly for the release of, among others, the Estonian writer Mart Niklus and the Kurdish publisher Recep Maraşli, then jailed in Turkey.

His wife, Jo, was an invalid for many years and Harris cared for her devotedly. She died just 17 days before him, after 52 years of exceptionally happy marriage. There were no children.

PROFESSOR BRIAN HOLMES

Brian Holmes, Professor of Comparative Education, Institute of Education, London University, 1975-85, died from a heart attack on July 11 aged 73. He was born in Yorkshire on April 25, 1920.



BRIAN HOLMES belonged to an international group of comparative educationalists who contributed to understanding of the worldwide growth of education in the 1960s and to a generation of professors of education who shaped the expansion of teacher education in Britain in the 1970s. He was very much his own man and enjoyed his iconoclastic reputation. His fiery independence of thought contributed much to both circles.

He was born and schooled in Yorkshire. After a BSc in Physics at University College London in 1941, he spent the war as an RAF radar officer in the Middle East before training as a teacher at the London Institute of Education in 1946. His tutor at the institute, Joseph Lauwerys, channelled his commitment to science teaching and, later, was to bring him back to the Institute of Education in the comparative education field.

A period of teaching in grammar schools in London fired his passion for making science accessible to the new clientele of secondary schools in the postwar period. As a science teacher and then as lecturer in science teaching at Durham University, he wrote school textbooks, with his first wife, inspired by the new idea of General Science.

Brian Holmes's entry into the comparative education field at London in 1953 brought contacts with groups of scholars in North America, Europe and Japan who were concerned with the issues of expansion of secondary schooling. Along with others of this generation, he identified ideas that were in practice abroad and so was a bellwether of future educational change; but he found a British educational establishment reluctant, at least before the mid-1980s, to acknowledge the value of foreign educational practice.

His relationships with international organisations such as Unesco and the OECD were more wary. He did advise them but considered that the universal panaceas they offered did not take account sufficiently of cultural differences between countries.

Instead, he played a major role in developing international societies of comparative education so that educators from each country could more equally exchange their knowledge, experience and insights.

The product of this genuine internationalism was recognition of his work since the 1950s in the United States, the Soviet Union, West Germany and Japan. Despite his political distaste for the system, the study tours he led to the Soviet Union were welcomed every year between 1960 and 1983, regardless of the vagaries of Cold War politics.

The professional love of his life was the Institute of Education. In his final years before retirement he was Pro-Director of the Institute. After 1985 this administrative contribution continued as Dean of the College of Preceptors.

Yet his greatest influence was as a teacherand in this capacity he was much revered by his many students from other countries, including over a hundred who received doctorates.

He always gave weight to indigenous educational traditions in writing on foreign systems and in his advice to his foreign students.

His ideas belied the conventional distinction between educational traditionalists and progressives.

Holmes had a career-long commitment to the ideas of John Dewey. Yet it was the concepts of how children learn through problem-solving that interested him rather than the group project methods that have recently been under attack.

He took interest in a wide range of alternative philosophies of education, ranging from Rudolf Steiner to ancient Ceylonese sages. Yet when he made his mind up it was usually in favour of a harder line. Thus on issues of assessment and teaching methods he was consulted by members of the new right before the main thrust of Conservative reforms in the late 1980s.

He was passionate about improving teaching and learning. His professional activities were on the academic wing of educational studies but his heart was in the work of schools.

Holmes was twice married. He is survived by his wife Margaret, a daughter and two sons of his first marriage.

THE obituary of Richard Macdonald (July 1) should have stated that he is survived by a son, Alastair, from his first marriage to Edna Macdonald.

REAR-ADM EDMOND MORAN

Edmond J. Moran, a retired Rear-Admiral in the US Navy who commanded the Mulberry Harbour operation during the invasion of Normandy, died at his home in New Canaan, Connecticut, on July 15 aged 96. He was born in Brooklyn, New York.



IT WAS not a glamorous fleet. The 160 British, American, Norwegian and Dutch tugboats that set sail for France in the wake of the D-Day invasion, presented a strange sight as they towed massive concrete caissons across the gale-swept waters of the English Channel. And yet this polyglot force assembled by Edmond Moran probably had as great an influence on the outcome of the invasion as any single factor.

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Moran had been well chosen for the task. In civilian life he was president of the Moran Towing Corporation, one of the largest tugboat operations in the United States, which had been founded by his grandfather — a former mule driver on the Erie Canal.

Moran had served in the US Navy during the first world war and, on being recalled to duty, supervised the rescue of ships damaged by German submarines and served as deputy director of the War Shipping Administration. The Mulberry Harbour exploit was the climax of his naval career, though he later developed a similar plan for the invasion of Japan which was never needed.

During 69 years with his family firm, before his retirement in 1984, Moran pioneered the use of high-powered tugs able to cope with huge modern cargo ships and expanded the company's operation from Maine to Texas and from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. His tugs hauled dredges and dry docks, rescued disabled ships in mid-ocean, and transported grain, coal and oil.

Moran served three terms as president and chairman of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, and was also vice-chairman of the Fordham University trustees, police commissioner of Darien, Connecticut, and a trustee of the Museum of the City of New York. Widowed some years ago after a marriage lasting 63 years, he is survived by three sons and three daughters.

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HITLER'S BROADCAST

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John Birt
BBC Director-General
Royal Television Society Fleming Lecture
March 30th, 1993

At the Radio Academy Festival in Birmingham last week, the Managing Director of Regional Broadcasting, Ronald Neil, announced the largest ever single investment to be made in BBC Regional Journalism. The investment is worth more than £5.5 million a year, will create 170 new journalist posts, and is entirely funded from internal savings:

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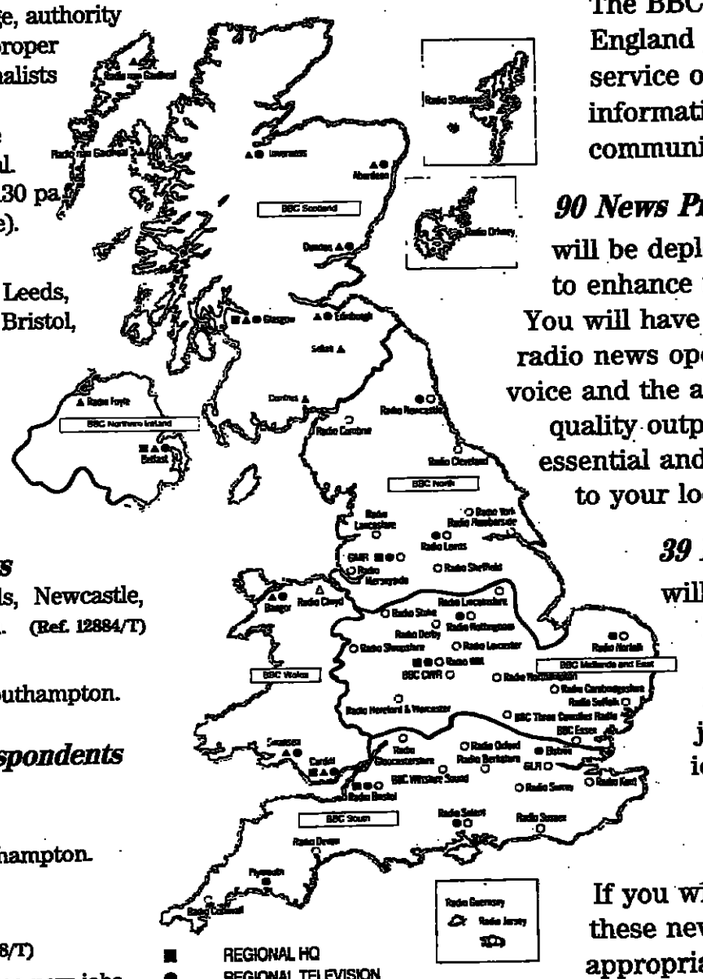
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Sales soar in tabloid war

Brian MacArthur explains the thinking behind the biggest price cut in Fleet Street history

A week after *The Sun* launched the "biggest price war in newspaper history" its sales have been boosted by at least 200,000. Within a week, its 5p price cut to 20p has won back one in three of the buyers it has lost in the past five years.

The dramatic tabloid war launched by Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Group which owns *The Sun*, has also — so far — boosted the tabloid market, including sales of *The Sun*'s main rival, the *Daily Mirror*. At the end of the first week, *Mirror* sales were up by about 4 per cent against at least 5 to 6 per cent for *The Sun*. The main victim has been *the Daily Star*, whose sales are down by about 4 per cent (about 30,000). *Today*, a stablemate of *The Sun*, is said to have lost only a few copies.

The 1993 summer price war has been a glorious battle for newspaper watchers, albeit that it is deadly serious. Mighty reputations and millions of pounds are at stake whether in the profits foregone by News International or the eventual sale price of Mirror Group Newspapers.

The preparations for battle were evident two Saturdays ago when The "dinosaur-away" *Sun* announced summer bingo madness — the launch of a £26,000 Bingosaurus game and the *Daily Mirror* simultaneously announced a £20,000 Bingosaurus game, with the *Daily Star* offering free *Jurassic Park* badges and a cute 'n' cuddly T-Rex. Two days later *The Sun* went to war, announcing that it now cost 20p — a cut of 5p. That was quickly trumped by the *Daily Mirror* with a 17p price cut to 10p.

That one-day-only price cut boosted sales by 500,000, against 250,000 for *The Sun* and enabled it to hold on to many of those new readers throughout the week, especially when it upped the daily prizes on offer in its Bingosaurus to £100,000 a day.

By Tuesday, the *Daily Mirror* was also seeking to be Sainsbury's to *The Sun*'s Kwiksave. Under its masthead appeared the words Honesty, Quality, Excellence and it was taunting *The Sun* with a picture of the Princess of Wales in Zimbabwe and a headline that said: "Where 5p saves a life".

What lurks behind all this tabloid huckstering would offer a classic project for MBAs, the new masters of the business universe. Over a year, the punters who buy the three mass-market dailies spend £500 million on them, and their publishers make fat profits which have risen massively since the Wapping revolution seven years ago.

Meanwhile, especially during the recession, sales have been steadily falling. Over the past five years, whether because their editorial formulas have become stale or, as editors believe, because their cover prices have risen well beyond the rate of inflation, *Sun* sales have fallen by 630,000 and *Mirror* sales by 400,000.

The stark question posed to publishers therefore was whether they were milking profits at the expense of sales and threatening the long-term future of their titles. Enter Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Group which owns *The Sun* and *News of the World* as well as *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *Today*. Even his critics concede that Mr Murdoch is a newspaperman of rare flair: and he characteristically gambled on the boldest solution — a price cut.

Multiply 5p by 3,500,000, multiply that by six and then by 52, divide the answer by 100, and you get the millions of pounds that will be lost from the bottom line of *The Sun*'s profits per year if it persists with its strategy. My sums make that £54 million. Even then *The Sun* will still be profitable.

Meanwhile, News International obtains at least five benefits:

- A boost to sales and a reverse to the cycle of decline
- A potential increase in pulling power for advertisers
- A widening of the sales gap over the the *Daily Mirror* or the *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Record* (its Scottish stablemate) combined.
- A potentially fatal blow to the *Daily Star*

It has also, at least temporarily, expanded the mass tabloid market, won massive free publicity and persuaded thousands of new or lost readers to test *The Sun*, some of whom will stick even if the price goes up again.

There is also a so-far hidden agenda to the tabloid price war. It seems increasingly certain that the government will impose VAT on newspapers in the autumn budget.

At its old price of 25p, VAT at 15 per cent would force *The Sun* to raise its price to 28p or 29p (and *The Times* to more than 50p). Yet if *The Sun* maintains its price cut, VAT would still leave it costing less than it did two weeks ago.

News International believes that it has also confused its enemies — that the *Daily Star* will become an increasing drain on its parent Express Group and that the *Daily Mirror*, as its fattens itself up for a flotation, will not compete (which is true).

Yet that is not how Mirror Group executives see the story of Mr Murdoch's "eccentric" price cut. With sales up last week, they believe they have held their own against Mr Murdoch's biggest attack yet. Yes, they say, the price cut will hurt the *Daily Mirror* — but it will hurt *The Sun* even more.

At one stroke, the blitz from Wapping has also helped them to reposition the *Daily Mirror*, a problem which the new post-Maxwell management has wrestled with since last November. "*The Sun* has gone downmarket, selling itself as cheap and cheerful — we would say cheap and tatty", said one senior Mirror executive yesterday. "We meanwhile have re-established the *Daily Mirror* as a quali-pop".

The real test of the price war will come this week as the attraction of a 20p *Sun* is set against a 25p *Daily Star* and a 27p *Daily Mirror*. There are clear signs that readers of the tabloids are sensitive to price rises: since the *Daily Mirror* has cost 2p more than *The Sun*, *The Sun* has increased its lead over the *Daily Mirror* by about 200,000 and since last week is again selling (excluding the *Daily Record*) about a million more copies a day.

If it maintains that lead, Rupert Murdoch's big and dangerous gamble will be considered a success.

Paper sales compared

Paper	Av Daily Sale	Compared with May '93	% +/-	Compared with Jun '92	% +/-	% Market Share Popular	% Market Share All Titles
Sun	3,464,950	-26,062	-0.75	-52,121	-1.48	30.37	25.08
Mirror	2,638,315	-13,516	-0.51	-204,254	-7.18	23.13	19.11
Star	766,002	- 2,678	-0.35	-49,760	-6.10	6.71	5.55

Source: ABC



Dino-mania: fighting it out on the front pages. How the tabloids are tempting floating readers with their "fabulous" offers

Don't let the Euro giants bite into ITV

Predators must not be allowed to stamp out regional diversity

Criticism of the 1990 Broadcasting Act should not obscure the important concepts behind it. The Act's key principle is the need to strengthen the federation of independent regional television broadcasters that comprises the ITV network. Independent regional television is vital to the health of British society, particularly since the regional spread of the competition is either doubtful (the BBC) or absent (Channel Four, satellite).

Here I must distinguish between the ownership rules and the so-called moratorium on takeovers, which is due to expire at the end of this year. Few in the industry expect the government to extend it. This means that all quoted ITV licensees will be open to hostile takeovers from January. But unless the government bows to pressure, the ownership rules will stay in place. These rightly guarantee diversity of ownership in ITV by prohibiting large licensees from taking each other over. Diversity of ownership implies the existence of independent regional management not subject to the potential editorial influence of two or three ITV moguls.



Viscount Astor: beware predators

Also, the argument that by allowing ITV to combine in two or three big groups, European predators can be kept at bay is ridiculous. As Viscount Astor, speaking for the government in the Lords, remarked, the giant continental media groups would be delighted to find ITV ready-packaged in bite-size morsels. The European-predator argument is just a smokescreen for the imperial ambitions of the main licensees.

For many months Carlton and Central have been making strident calls to abandon the ownership rules and in the past few weeks we have witnessed the "feeding frenzy" involving Granada, LWT and Yorkshire and the trading of overpriced share stakes. But the most significant development has been the reported attempt by leading newspaper proprietors to lift the restrictions on ownership by national papers. The ownership rules stem from a sound tradition in democratic countries that unhealthy concentrations of media ownership should be avoided. They should be maintained.

The new concept in the Act was that a strong, independent central scheduler should be appointed to ensure that network commissions should no longer be subject to a "carve-up in smoke-filled rooms", but given out impartially, on the basis of quality and value, to all licensees and, more particularly, to independent producers. Accordingly, ITV has established a network centre, staffed by experienced executives, and commissioning procedures have been agreed between ITV, the independent producers, the Independent Television Commission, the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. But there is widespread suspicion that "the majors" continue to interfere in the network's daily running. Orderly consultation on major proposals should be conducted by the network centre with all the licensees and with the regulator before public announcements are contemplated.

It is difficult for the centre to assume this pivotal role when Greg Dyke, its current chairman, is also LWT's chief executive, GMTV chairman and a Yorkshire Television director.

When Mr Dyke's term ends, the Independent Television Authority should appoint a completely independent chairman, rather than pick another ITV chief executive on the "Buggins's turn" principle. Only in this way can the centre assert its authority, and assume the leadership role required of it in today's competitive environment.

SIMON FORREST

● *The author is HTV's head of public relations and corporate affairs.*

MORE MEDIA NEWS ON PAGE 20

Only the poorest remain glued to the box; the better-off are seeking entertainment elsewhere. Robert Low reports

Television is a big turn off

Most of us are watching less television and going out more in our leisure time. Only the very poorest continue to rely on the box as their main source of entertainment, confirming the existence of what a new survey calls a "cultural underclass".

Radio has a big future and so do cable and newspapers, especially in the local sector. And we are reading just as much as seven years ago, although there is concern that the young may be less inclined to do so than their elders.

The year-long survey, published today, into the future of the media, was commissioned by the Henley Centre think-tank and based on interviews with 1,500 people.

If the survey, by Research International, is heartening for traditionalists it is bad news for television's commercial sector, terrestrial and satellite. Sixty per cent of those questioned would "rather be out doing something than watching TV", which includes taking advantage of leisure facilities, going to the cinema, or taking more holidays.

People are quite simply fed up with TV: 42 per cent found most programmes "dull and predictable", 41 per cent thought they had got worse in the past year. But, significantly, radio listeners were more loyal: only 6 per cent felt their favourite station had deteriorated in the same period.

The report forecasts a rise in radio's popularity because of the appeal of new stations and changes in social habits, such as more people listening in their cars and living alone.

Newspapers, too, maintain their popularity although sales are down because fewer people are buying more than one title and more are buying magazines.

Television advertisers will be concerned about the report's conclusion that the poorest members of society — those with the least disposable income — spend 11 hours a week more than the richest in front of their television sets.

There is also evidence that viewers are becoming bored with advertising: two thirds of those interviewed thought the number of adverts "irritating"; 14 per cent frequently use remote controls to watch two programmes at once.

The Henley Centre believes that the reforms of commercial television imposed by the Broadcasting Act will mean more downmarket formulas and cheap imports at the expense of high-quality, costly, programmes in peak time.

As for satellite TV, the centre forecasts that no more than 4-4.5 million homes will have dishes by the end of the century with, at most, a 12 per cent market share. But the future looks rosier for cable. The research indicates that it will overtake satellite within five years, with people attracted by the possibility of cheaper telephone bills, local television and "interactive" services, where viewers call up the information they require.

Indeed, there appears to be a growing and unfulfilled demand for local information via all forms of media. The survey asked respondents to rate a list of news stories — local, national and international — according to interest.

There was a heavy bias towards local news. The story provoking most interest was one about a nuclear power station being built within five miles of the respondent's home (86 per cent were "extremely interested" or "interested"). Second favourite was a local road pile-up (77 per cent), then nationwide NHS spending cuts (76 per cent) and a general election (73 per cent). Least interest, 4 per cent, was aroused by news of a general election in Japan.

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As ITV reveals an autumn schedule that looks likely to draw in the viewers, the BBC ponders how to bring back the good old days of light entertainment

A potent cocktail

By any standards, the press launch of the ITV autumn programme schedule last week was a low-key affair. Gone are the days of 100 hacks drinking last year's champagne and rubbing shoulders with "ITV's galaxy of stars".

This time, a mere handful of media journalists were invited to the Network Centre's London headquarters (ironically, given the *News at Ten* furore, a building it shares with ITN) to have the entrails of the schedule revealed by the network controller, Marcus Plantin. No galaxy, no photo opportunities, and a comparatively modest lunch — the clearest sign yet that the new ITV is determined to put what money it has left after paying off its crippling franchise payments into programmes, not parties.

ITV has invested a record £173 million in the autumn schedule, but the modesty is still intriguing. This was, after all, a milestone in the rocky road ITV has been travelling since the government exacted such a high price for owning a franchise. The cabal of major company bosses who used to dictate ITV programme policy have been divested of their powers, and here, for the first time, was a schedule entirely commissioned by the Network Centre that replaced them.

On the evidence of short clips and long memory, there is actually little need for Mr Plantin and his programme commissioners to be overly modest — their first autumn schedule shows most of the ingredients of a successful, audience-grabbing, advertiser-pleasing cocktail. ITV's obsession with "quality popular drama" — in other words series with big stars, high polish and relatively undemanding plots — seems well served with such things as *Crackers*, in which Robbie Coltrane plays a neurotic police psychologist, *Circle of Deceit*, with Dennis Waterman as a neurotic SAS man and *Demob*, in which Griff Rhys Jones is a post-war chancer.

There are first terrestrial screenings for such thumping action movies as *Die Hard*, *Total Recall* and *Pretty Woman*, and there are even — a rarety for ITV these days — a couple of promising new comedies. *Stalag Luft* has Stephen Fry and others as British PoWs who decide to stay locked up despite the fact that their German captors have scarpered, and *Brighton Belles* is the anglicised version of *Golden Girls*.

There ought, in a perfect schedule, to be more comedy than there is, but Mr Plantin is disarmingly frank. "I would love producers to make me better offers, but they haven't," he says. "I have great faith in these two series but otherwise there isn't much to go round and I'm keeping the rest of it for the winter quarter."

The advertisers, apparently, are prepared to wait. Ian Redman, of John Ayling and Associates, a media buying company, even admits: "Media buyers are supposed to be more cynical than this, but I think there are enough decent drama series and some very strong films, which is what we need to keep younger, slightly more upmarket viewers tuned."

Andy Roberts, head of TV buying at Bartle Bogle Hegarty, is scarcely less enthusiastic. "ITV's performance has been lacklustre this year but the autumn appears more encouraging. We are looking for new drama that might run for years and things like the Robbie Coltrane series might well do that."

It will of course be September before that often forgotten band of critics, the viewers, see the first fruits of the new ITV, and they are the ones who will eventually decide whether the Network Centre has got it right. "And," says Mr Redman, "we haven't heard from BBC 1 yet. They've been taking a pounding in the ratings recently but it is inconceivable that they won't bounce back sooner or later."

In other words, if the makers of mass-appeal programmes in Shepherds Bush can take their minds off John Birt and turn their hand to knocking out the odd television show, there may yet be a spectre at ITV's modest feast when the nights start drawing in.

PATRICK STODDART



In store for autumn: (clockwise from top left) Robbie Coltrane, Dennis Waterman and the films *Pretty Woman* and *Die Hard*

Aunty's real battle

When a former managing director of the BBC rises to talk about the corporation these days, criticism is expected to come bathed in nostalgic tones.

But when Bill Cotton, previously also a head of light entertainment and a controller of BBC1, said recently that there was a danger of a "colossal mistake" if the BBC stopped being the "backbone of the British entertainment industry", he appeared to strike a sentimental chord far more obvious to viewers than anything Mark Tully claimed about the internal workings of the corporation.

As Mr Cotton's speech coincided with the much predicted removal of Jim Moir, head of BBC Light Entertainment and a veteran BBC entertainment guru, it was difficult not to think back to the good old days of national institutions such as *Porridge*, *Dad's Army*, and *The Good Life* and wonder where they are now (back on our screens, actually). The imminent announcement of who replaces Mr Moir and how he or she — along with Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1 — will re-direct the BBC's entertainment output is critical if the BBC is to remain a public service.

As Will Wyatt, network managing director, said this week, the BBC is "for everyone, paid for by everyone". And it is in light entertainment, rather than in news and current affairs, that the big audiences are to be found.

Technically, light entertainment is the non-narrative part of television entertainment: the people shows, the Bruce Forsyth-Cilla Black-Paul Daniels type programmes, rather than the comedies or dramas. BBC management has recently cited *One Foot in the Grave*, *Noel Edmond's House Party* and *Only Fools and Horses* as the best of the BBC entertainment output. These programmes have proved great ratings winners, but only *House Party* is light entertainment — there needs to be more.

Since the war, light entertainment along with its high-kicking sister, variety, has relied on performers who developed their talents on stage: in vaudeville, summer seasons and pantomimes. It is a generation which is disappearing fast — Les Dawson was its most recent casualty — and replacing favourites such as Dawson, Eric Morecambe and Tony Hancock has not been easy. "We're seeing a sea change where performers no longer have a system for learning the business before they come into television, and it becomes increasingly difficult to find new stars," says John Kaye Cooper, controller of entertainment at London Weekend Television. "Since the mid-1980s there has been the London alternative comedy scene, which has created a new generation of stars, but they need to be nurtured and developed."

> 'It becomes increasingly difficult to find new stars'

These new stars — such as Rik Mayall, French and Saunders, and Harry Enfield — have not yet come up with the mass audiences that prime-time television demands. "It will take another five to ten years before you might see people such as French and Saunders revered in the same way as Morecambe and Wise," claims Mr Kaye Cooper.

"There is polarisation. The old entertainers are often sneered at by younger critics, and the younger stars, though they do very well with young audiences, still have not made the break in television terms."

So is the current ratings problem the BBC's fault, or is it a far more sociological issue about the fragmentation of the country (and the viewing public) and the impossibility of creating new long-running, mass appeal, entertainment programmes? This dichotomy is a great conundrum of television. When Mr Yentob announces the signing of Ben Elton or French and Saunders for the coming autumn season, the apparent message is that BBC1 is shifting from the vaudeville heritage towards a more middle-class and sophisticated audience.

Mr Yentob has conceded that the BBC could do more. "We should broaden its appeal to the CDs [the poorer social economic groups] who like light entertainment," he told delegates to the Radio Academy's festival. His words were quickly downplayed by BBC spokesmen and by Mr Wyatt, who promised that "down market we are not going to go, but clearly we want to appeal to the whole audience". This contradicts John Birt's prediction that the BBC's audience share will fall to about a third by the year 2000. Somebody has to make up their mind.

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Parental decision can be wrongful retention

In re S (Minors) (Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: Wrongful Retention)

Before Mr Justice Wall

[Judgment July 14]

Where children were brought to England for a fixed period by agreement between their parents, a decision by one parent never to return the children to the country of their habitual residence constituted a wrongful retention under article 3 of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 1980, as at the date that intention was formed.

Mr Justice Wall so held in a reserved judgment in the Family Division, granting the father's application under the 1980 Convention, as enacted by the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, for an order that his two children be returned to the country of their habitual residence, Israel, forthwith. The judgment was given in chambers and is reported with the leave of the judge.

The two children had been brought to England from Israel by agreement between the parents. Under the law of Israel the parents had equal parental rights and responsibilities. They intended to reside in England for a fixed period. *Before that period had* expired the parents' relationship ended and they separated.

The father returned to Israel and issued an application under the Convention seeking the immediate return of the children. The mother remained in England and asserted that both she and the children had become habitually resident there.

Mr James Turner for the father; Mr Frank Moat for the mother.

MR JUSTICE WALL said that there was an issue between the mother and the father as to precisely what their agreement had been. It was sufficient for present purposes to hold that on any view the agreement had been that the family would remain in England for one year from September 1, 1992.

His Lordship had initially been attracted to the proposition that where parents agreed that children should remain in England for a specified period there could not be a wrongful retention until that period had elapsed. The mere fact that the relationship between the parents had come to an end could not entitle one parent unilaterally to resile from that which had been agreed between them.

Thus, if the mother's case had been that she intended at the expiry of the year to return the children to Israel then it seemed to his Lordship that she would have a complete defence to the originating summons either because her retention of the children was not wrongful or because the father had consented, not merely to the removal of the children to England but, by necessary implication, to *their retention in England* for a fixed term.

The question thus became whether the fact that the mother had stated her intention not to return the children to Israel at all meant that there was a wrongful retention as at the date that intention was either formed or when it was communicated to the father, even though the period in which she was entitled to retain the children in England had not yet expired.

It seemed to his Lordship that where a parent announced that she did not intend to return the children at all she could no longer herself rely on the father's agreement to the limited period of removal or retention as protecting her under the Convention.

As Mr Turner put it, she could not have the benefit of the agreement without the burden. Equally, as an issue of fact, the decision which preceded that announcement, even if not communicated to the father, had to be capable itself of constituting an act of wrongful retention.

The retention could of course only be wrongful if the children were habitually resident in Israel immediately before they were *wrongfully retained* in England. His Lordship was in no doubt at all that the habitual residence of the children remained that of Israel.

Where both parents had equal *rights of custody no unilateral* action by one of them could change the habitual residence of the children save by the agreement or acquiescence over time of the other parent or a court order determining *rights of residence* and custody.

It followed that the father had made out his case under article 3 and that the children had to be returned to Israel forthwith.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; Christopher Green & Partners, Southampton.

Purchasing freehold of lease dating from 1563

In re 51 Bennington Road, Aston

The tenants of premises for the residue of "the term or several terms of 500 years" were entitled to purchase the freehold under the provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, notwithstanding ignorance of the identity of the reversioner and the exact terms of the lease.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division, on July 13 on the adjournment into court by Master Gowers of an application by Victor William Wagland and Valerie Ann Wagland for an order pursuant to section 27 of the 1967 Act that the freehold of 51 Benington Road, Aston, Hertfordshire, the leasehold of which they had purchased by way of a deed of assignment dated November 8, 1974, be vested in them.

Master Gowers had referred to Prudential Assurance Co Ltd v London Residuary Body ([1992] 3 WLR 279) as casting doubt on whether the applicants' interest in the premises could be construed as a tenancy "for a term certain" and therefore "a long tenancy" for the purposes of the 1967 Act.

There was evidence that every assignment since 1802 had recited that "by a lease or leases ... dated October 20, 1563 and made between Sir John Boteler Buteler or Butler of the one part and ... some one or more of [three named others] property ... comprising (*inter alia*) the premises was leased for the term or several terms of 500 years"; that the original lease was lost; and that no tenant of the premises had within living memory been asked to pay rent, the identity of the freeholder being unknown.

A valuer, appointed by leave of the court pursuant to section 27 of the Act, had valued the freehold reversion at £370, which his Lordship ordered the applicants to pay into court.

Council adviser owes no duty of care to purchaser

Preston v Torfaen Borough Council and Another

An expert instructed by a local authority to advise it as to the ground conditions and requirements for adequate foundations of a dwelling house, and upon whose advice it relied in the construction of the house, did not owe a duty of care to the first purchaser from the local authority and/or the owner occupier for the time being.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Farquharson and Sir Michael Fox) so held in a reserved *judgment on July 15 in dismissing* an appeal by the plaintiffs, Thomas Glyn Preston and Gwyneth Kathleen Preston, from Judge Watkin Powell who, on May 3, 1991, sitting as an official referee, struck out the plaintiffs' statement of claim which had alleged that the second defendant, Norwest Holst Soil Engineering Ltd, owed a duty of care to the ultimate purchasers of property for future economic loss, they would suffer if the defendant's advice to the council had been negligent.

The second defendant was alleged to have been negligent in failing to carry out an adequate site investigation prior to the construction of the house, in failing to establish that the house was built on an infilled quarry and in failing to give appropriate advice to the council.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Fiscal residence criterion unjustified

Regina v Inland Revenue *Commissioners, Ex parte* Commerzbank AG

Case C-330/91

Before G. C. Rodrigues Iglesias, President of Chamber, acting for the President and Judges M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion March 17)

[Judgment July 13]

The use of the criterion of fiscal residence within national territory for the purpose of granting a repayment supplement on overpaid tax was liable to work more particularly to the disadvantage of companies having their seat in other member states and could not be justified on the ground that the exemption from tax which gave rise to the refund was available only to non-resident companies.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering a question submitted to it by the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Commerzbank, a company incorporated under German law whose registered office was in Germany, had a branch in the United Kingdom through the intermediary of which it had granted loans to a number of *United States companies* between 1973 and 1976. Commerzbank paid tax in the UK of £4,22,234 on the interest received from those companies.

Subsequently Commerzbank sought repayment of that sum from the tax authorities on the ground that the interest was exempt in the UK by virtue of article 15 of the double taxation convention of August 2, 1946, between the *UK and the USA (SR & O 1946 No* 1327), as amended by a Protocol of September 20, 1966 (SI 1966 No 1188).

That article provided in substance that interest paid by a US company was taxable in the UK only when it was paid to a UK company or a company resident for tax purposes in the UK. Since Commerzbank was not resident for tax purposes in the UK, it received a refund of the overpaid tax.

Commerzbank then made a claim in connection with that refund under section 825 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which provided for a repayment supplement equal to interest on the amount paid at the rate of 8.25 per cent per annum to be paid in respect of repayments of corporation tax paid by a company in connection with any accounting period for which the company resident in the UK.

Commerzbank claimed repayment supplement from tax authorities, calculating the amount payable as £5,199,258.

The Inland Revenue rejected Commerzbank's claim on the ground that the company was not resident in the UK. Commerzbank *therefore applied to the High* Court for judicial review of that decision, claiming that the refusal to grant repayment supplement to non-residents constituted a restriction of the right of establishment and indirect discrimination *on the* ground of nationality, since the companies affected were for the most part foreign.

The High Court considered it necessary to refer to the European Court a question concerning the interpretation of article 5, 7, 52, and 58 of the Treaty, relating to the prohibition of discrimination on the ground of nationality and the right of freedom of establishment.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

The High Court's question was designed to ascertain, first, whether articles 52 and 58 and articles 5 and 7 of the Treaty prevented the legislation of a member state from granting repayment supplement on overpaid tax to companies resident for tax purposes in that state while *refusing* that supplement to companies which were resident for tax purposes in another member state and, second, whether such a rule was still discriminatory where the exemption from tax which gave *rise to the refund applied only* to companies which were not resident for tax purposes in that member state.

Right of establishment

The freedom of establishment which article 52 granted to nationals of a member state, included, pursuant to article 58 of the EEC Treaty, the right of companies or firms formed in accordance with the law of a *member state and having their* registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the Community to pursue their activities in the member state concerned through a *branch of agency*.

With regard to companies, it was to be noted in that context that it was their seat in the above mentioned sense that served as the connecting factor within the legal system of a particular state, like nationality in the case of natural persons.

The court had held that acceptance of the proposition that the member state in which a copany sought to establish itself might freely apply to it different treatment solely by reason of the fact that its seat was situated in another member state would deprive the provision of all meaning.

Moreover, the rules regarding equality of treatment forbade not only overt discrimination by reason of nationality or, in the case of a company, its seat, but also all covert forms of discrimination which, by the application of other criteria of differentiation, led in fact to the same result.

Although it applied independently of a company's seat, the use of the criterion of fiscal residence within national territory for the purpose of granting repayment supplement on overpaid tax was liable to work more particularly to the disadvantage of companies having their seat in other member states. Indeed, it was most often those companies which were resident for tax purposes outside the territory of the member state in question.

Discrimination

In order to justify the national provision at issue in the main proceedings, the UK Government had argued that, far from suffering discrimination under the UK tax *rules, non-resident companies in* Commerzbank's situation enjoyed privileged treatment. They were exempt from tax normally payable by resident companies.

In those circumstances, there was no discrimination with respect to repayment supplement: resident companies and non-resident companies were treated differently because, for the purposes of corporation tax, they were in different situations.

That argument could not be upheld. A national provision such as the one in question entailed unequal treatment.

Where a non-resident company was deprived of the right to repayment supplement on overpaid tax to which resident companies were always entitled, it was placed at a disadvantage by comparison with the latter.

The fact that the exemption from tax which gave rise to the refund was available only to non-resident companies could not justify a rule of a general nature withholding the benefit. That rule was therefore discriminatory.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

Articles 52 and 58 of the Treaty prevented the legislation of a *member state from granting* repayment supplement on overpaid tax to companies which were resident for tax purposes in that state while refusing the supplement to companies resident for tax *purposes in another member state.* The fact that the latter would not have been exempt from tax if they had been resident in that state was of no relevance in that regard.

Postal service monopoly cannot be justified

Criminal proceedings *against Paul Corbeau* (civil party: Régie des posts)

Case C-320/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse, M. Diez de Velasco, P. J. G. Kapteyn and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General G. Tesauro

(Opinion February 9)

[Judgment May 19]

The exclusion of competition in the provision of postal services could not be justified where specific services were concerned which were dissociable from the service of general interest and which satisfied specific needs of traders by providing certain additional services which the traditional postal service did not offer, while not calling in question the economic equilibrium of the service of general economic interest provided by the holder of an exclusive right.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the *Tribunal Correctionnel de Liège (Criminal Court, Liège)* for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Mr Corbeau provided, in the city of Liège and neighbouring areas a service which consisted of the collection of mail from the sender's address and the distribution of that mail before noon the following day, provided that the addressees were within that geographic area.

With regard to mail sent to addressees outside that area, Mr Corbeau collected the mail from the sender and sent it on by post.

In Belgium, the *Régie des postes* (Postal Administration), a public sector undertaking, held an exclu*sive right covering the collection*, transport and distribution throughout the Kingdom of Belgium of all correspondence of whatever type. Belgian legislation laid down criminal penalties for any infringement of that exclusive right.

Criminal proceedings, on the basis of a complaint by the *Régie des posts* were therefore brought against Mr Corbeau before the *Tribunal Correctionnel de Liège* which, having doubts as to the compatibility of the relevant Belgian legislation with Community law stayed the proceedings and submitted a number of questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The national court sought, in substance, to establish whether article 90 of the Treaty was to be interpreted as preventing the legislation of a member state, which granted a body such as the *Régie des postes*, the exclusive right to collect, transport and distribute mail from prohibiting, subject to criminal penalties, a trader established in that member state from offering certain specific services on that market.

A body such as the *Régie des postes* was to be regarded as an undertaking to which a member state had granted special or exclusive rights within the meaning of article 90(1) of the EEC Treaty.

That paragraph provided that member states should neither enact nor maintain in force any measure contrary to the rules contained in the Treaty and in particular the rules relating to competition.

That provision was to be read in combination with paragraph 2 of the same article which provided that undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest were to be subject to the rules on competition, in so far as the application of such rules did not obstruct the performance, in law or in fact, of the particular tasks assigned to them.

That last provision thereby enabled member states to grant undertakings, which they entrusted with the operation of *services of general economic interest*, exclusive rights which might prevent the application of the rules on competition contained in the Treaty, to the extent to which restrictions on competition, or even *an exclusion of any competition by* other traders, was necessary in order to ensure the performance of the specific task which was conferred on the undertaking which held those exclusive rights.

With regard to the services in question in the main proceedings, it could not be denied that the *Rgie des postes* was responsible for a service of general economic interest consisting in the obligation to ensure the collection, transport and distribution of mail, for all users, throughout the territory of the member state concerned, at uniform tariffs and under similar conditions relating to quality, without regard to specific situations or to the level of profitability of each individual transaction.

Consequently, it was necessary to examine to what extent a restriction on competition, or even *the exclusion of all competition* by other traders, was necessary to enable the holder of the exclusive right to carry out its task of general interest, and in particular to benefit from economically acceptable conditions.

For the purposes of that examination, it was necessary to start from the premise that the obligation on the undertaking responsible for that task to provide its services under economically balanced conditions presupposed the possibility of a set-off between profitable activities and less profitable activities and therefore justified a limitation of competition from individual undertakings in economically profitable areas.

To authorise individual undertakings to compete with the holder of exclusive rights in sectors which *they might choose which* were covered by those rights would enable competitors to concentrate on profitable activities and to offer lower prices for them than those applied by the holders of exclusive rights, given that, by contrast with the latter, they were not economically obliged to carry out a set-off between losses arising in non-profitable sectors and profits arising in the more profitable areas.

The exclusion of competition could not, however, be justified where certain specific services were concerned which were dissociable from the service of general economic interest, which satisfied specific needs of traders and which required certain additional services which the traditional postal service did not offer, such as collection from the sender, greater speed or reliability of distribution *or the possibility of changing the* destination of an item while in transit, and to the extent to which those services, by their nature and the conditions under which they were offered, such as the geographical area in which they were provided, did not call in question the economic equilibrium of the service of general economic interest which was provided by the holder of the exclusive right.

On those grounds the Court of Justice of the European Communities ruled:

Article 90 of the EEC Treaty prevented the legislation of a *member state which granted* a body such as the *Régie des postes* the exclusive right to collect, transport and distribute mail from prohibiting, subject to criminal penalties, a trader established in *that state from offering certain* specific services which were dissociable from the service of general interest and which satisfied certain specific needs of traders requiring certain additional services which *the traditional postal service did* not offer to the extent to which those services did not call in question the economic equilibrium of the service of general economic interest carried out by the holder of the exclusive right.

It was for the referring court to examine whether the services at issue in the case before it fell within those criteria.

Results of the Institute of Taxation Associateship examination, May 1993

Successful candidates in the Associateship Examination held in May 1993

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The Institute Medal for the highest overall marks: Joanna Margaret Hambling (KPMG Peat Marwick, Leeds)

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[J]ohn Wood Medal for the paper on taxation of businesses — individuals, partnerships and companies: Sarah Lucy Johnson (Coopers & Lybrand, Reading)

Gilbert Burr Medal for the paper on capital taxation: Antony Peter Betts (Simpson Curtis, Solicitors, Leeds)

Avery Jones Medal for the paper on practical implications, interaction and tax planning: Alexander James McKenzie Henderson (Arthur Andersen, Reading)

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NEWS

Major heads for new treaty hazard

■ Labour leaders are meeting tonight to plan a fresh Maastricht hazard for John Major after his clear indication yesterday that he is ready to defy a Commons defeat on the Maastricht social chapter.

Mr Major is expected to face a motion of censure in the Commons next Monday if he refuses to bow to a Commons vote tomorrow requiring him to accept workers' rights provisions before ratifying the treaty..... **Pages 1, 7**

British women freed from Thai jail

■ Two young British women are expected to return home as early as today after being pardoned by the King of Thailand three years after being jailed for heroin smuggling. The families and friends of Karyn Smith, 21, and Patricia Cahill, 20, wept with joy and campaigners celebrated..... **Pages 1, 3**

Angry police protest

Twenty thousand policemen massed at Wembley in an unprecedented protest against the proposals of Sir Patrick Sheehy to revolutionise the service. Amid the extraordinary anger, officers of all ranks, equivalent to more than a third of the country's off-duty policemen, crowded into the stadium..... **Pages 1, 2**

Tighter care rules

After five recent cases of killings and attacks by patients with schizophrenia, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is to announce tighter rules governing the care of mentally ill people discharged from hospital. **Page 5**

Nuclear plant closed

A nuclear power station in the Snowdonia national park is to close, with the loss of 490 jobs, after the safety inspectorate decided that to resume production could be unsafe. The 28-year-old Trawsfynydd plant has been shut since February 1991, when tests pointed to possible weakness in the pressure vessels of the twin reactors..... **Page 2**

BBC fights back

The BBC unveiled a £200 million package of new drama aimed at reversing falling ratings and silencing critics, as the latest figures showed that BBC1's share of total viewing dipped below 30 per cent for only the second time in eight years..... **Page 3**

A mother at 52

Thirteen women aged over 50 have received *in vitro* fertilisation treatment at clinics in Britain, it emerged yesterday. Treatment was successful in two cases and the women gave birth. Figures, which show the oldest woman treated was 52, will fuel controversy about the ethics of women bearing babies beyond their natural child-rearing years..... **Page 3**

The new Britons

For the past 45 years, questions of immigration and race have been a modern taboo. There were not even accurate statistics on the non-white population of Britain until the 1991 census. In a three-part series beginning today, *The Times* profiles the new components of post-war British society..... **Page 4**

Washington scandal

A whiff of scandal hangs over Washington. President Clinton's most important political ally in Congress stands accused of embezzlement in the Post Office affair..... **Page 8**

Bosnia shell-shock

Worsening news for the Bosnian army from the front line, coupled with desperate conditions in the besieged UN "safe areas", appears to be putting pressure on the Bosnian government to contemplate settlements previously considered unthinkable..... **Page 10**

Divided and ruled

Opposition to the Burmese junta is in disarray. The alliance of ethnic rebels, politicians and students is bitterly split over how to combat the military rulers **Page 9**

Man arrested over gay killings

■ Detectives were last night questioning a man arrested in connection with the serial killings of five gay men in London. The man, in his late 30s, was detained in Essex and detectives are treating his arrest as a breakthrough in their four-month long hunt for the killer, whose activities have terrified the capital's homosexual community..... **Page 1**



SIMON WALKER

Familiar face: Norma Major unveiling in London a bust by Shenda Amery of the prime minister, commissioned by his constituency

Fair farewell: Terms for the departure of Jacques Attali from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development must be seen to be fair, says Ronald Freeman, the acting president..... **Page 23**

Sluggish recovery: Building societies reported a rise in new loans in June, up 14 per cent from May, but still 1.3 per cent lower than the same time last year..... **Page 24**

Markets: Sterling registered further gains but shares continued to retreat. The pound rose 1.04 pfennigs to DM2.5684 and 0.10 cents to $1.5007, ending at 81.6 on the trade-weighted index. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 2,823.9, down 19.0..... **Page 26**

Athletics: Linford Christie will run against Carl Lewis over 100 metres for the first time in Britain in the Vauxhall Invitation meeting at Gateshead on July 30, only two weeks before the world championships, for a reported £100,000 each..... **Page 40**

Football: Osvaldo Ardiles, new manager of Tottenham Hotspur, has begun in unorthodox fashion by concentrating on ball skills rather than physical work..... **Page 42**

Cricket: England opened their campaign in the women's World Cup with a crushing victory over Denmark at Banstead. They won by 239 runs, after dismissing their opponents for 47..... **Page 44**

Out of focus: "To judge Hollywood and art-house cinema by the same criteria is a pretty basic error." Matthew d'Ancona on why critics hate blockbusters..... **Page 12**

Thick-skinned: "As fearless as the men are in my native Geordieland, one thing that they did not do up here when I was a lass was have facials." Anne McElvoy on skin care for men..... **Page 13**

Out and about: "Most of us are watching less television and going out more in our leisure time. Only the very poorest continue to rely on the box as their main source of entertainment."..... **Page 19**

World music: The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, facing withdrawal of its Arts Council grant, is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations by touring more than 40 countries..... **Page 33**

Drama in a crisis: The new head of BBC TV drama, Charles Denton, promises to restore its pre-eminence. Under a new structure, "programmes that have been failures in the past wouldn't have been made in the first place"..... **Page 35**

Lust not a must: The latest West End musical, *Lust*, adapted from a Restoration comedy, is a "not very memorable pastiche, anachronistic and crude", says Benedict Nightingale..... **Page 34**



King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand has pardoned two British women jailed three years ago for heroin smuggling
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Cathryn Fitzpatrick, the formidable Australian cricketer, is here for the women's World Cup, which opened yesterday
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Mohamed Fayed and his brothers are putting their House of Fraser group up for sale — except for the flagship store Harrods
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Aids risk at the dentist's

■ Will your dentist damage your health? Tom Mangold on risks of HIV infection from the drill

Not a dinosaur in sight

■ Forget the jurassic thrills of last week; *Bambi* is back on general release for the summer. Why don't they make films like that any more?

A case against Maastricht

■ "The Queen v. the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. *Ex parte* the Right Honourable The Lord Rees-Mogg". William Rees-Mogg on his day in court

The BBC2 season of plays from the 1960s continues with Dennis Potter's *Where the Buffalo Roam* (9pm), the study of a disturbed young man (Hywel Bennett) with a passion for westerns..... **Page 43**

Race for the truth

No society can afford to keep its fears and resentments secret. Today, *The Times* launches a series of articles examining the fortunes of the British immigrant community in the past 40 years, in the hope of stimulating informed debate free of social taboos, ideology or prejudice..... **Page 15**

Nuclear brinkmanship

It seems increasingly possible that North Korea is playing for what time it still needs to join the nuclear club — and that the regime's hardliners view Western hesitation as proof that the nuclear option pays..... **Page 15**

Ol' Man River

The great American flood has reminded a nation grown nonchalant about the advances of engineering, scientific prowess and the conquest of space that their continent is still subject to the caprice of nature in a way that few other developed nations experience..... **Page 15**

LORD HAILSHAM

We are in danger of transferring to judges some of the political and legislative powers of Parliament. These limits must in the end be decided by the supreme legislative power of Parliament itself, whatever, in their judicial role, the courts may decide about the legality of the Maastricht treaty..... **Page 14**

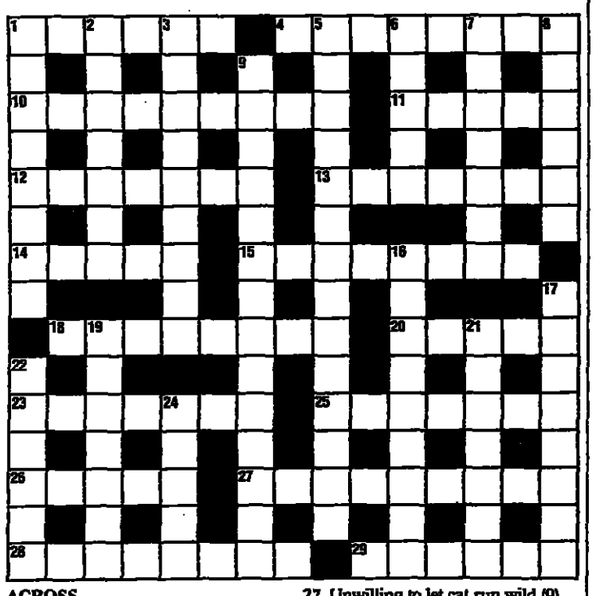
SIMON JENKINS

Last month, John Major gave a strong off-the-cuff address to a private dining club. It was a great success. He should tear up tomorrow's Commons speech on Maastricht. And what should he say?..... **Page 14**

The right to choose jury trial and the means of redress for miscarriages of justice..... **Page 15**

[President Clinton's new policy on homosexuals in the army] may not be the "major step forward" that the president says it is. But it is an important step away from the worst aspects of an unjust policy.
The Washington Post

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ACROSS

1 Careless to omit heading from *postulate* (6)
4 French art is housed by officer retreating into fantasy (8)
10 *Safe artificial material for stiffening* (9)
11 Additional reading matter given by ambassador to king (5)
12 Possibly first book used in the service (7)
13 Platelayer's mother is cutting hard-wearing fabric (7)
14 Tree died, grazed by vehicle (5)
15 Country people given short answer by island queen (8)
18 Moral fibre of bishop in retreat as an individual (8)
20 Half of them paid a worker from the country (5)
23 Dull coach rebuffed by footballers around America (7)
25 Mean to follow on horseback, though tense and nervy (7)
26 Classically elegant screen with both ends missing (5)
27 Unwilling to let cat run wild (9)
28 Divide society into diverse parts (8)
29 Tool for buildling jetties across lake (6)

DOWN

1 Censure for blocking a stretch of *river* (8)
2 Game to hold army function in a month (7)
3 *Creature bound to approach* reserve half-heartedly (9)
5 Usual times, only changing *concurrently* (14)
6 A type of grain or fruit (5)
7 Brutal husband meets university *graduate in pub* (7)
8 Some deputy ran this for Nero, perhaps (6)
9 *Complaint over image leads to* anxiety about new course (6,3,5)
16 Dine out with Siamese money just *the same* (9)
17 Laws of nations broken by unionist extremists (8)
19 A conspirator runs further up the tree (7)
21 Wealthy male with the same forefather (7)
22 Coral, for example, is above the ground (6)
24 Relative, about fifty, embraced by a Parisienne (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,287

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.315	2.115
Austria Sch	19.15	17.65
Belgium Fr	56.25	51.80
Canada $	2.045	1.895
Denmark Kr	10.63	9.73
Finland Mkk	9.27	8.47
France Fr	9.26	8.56
Germany Dm	2.71	2.51
Greece Dr	365.00	340.00
Hong Kong $	12.83	11.83
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2485.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	181.00	162.00
Netherlands Gld	3.06	2.83
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	207.50	184.50
Sweden Kr	12.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	2.386	2.206
Turkey Lira	17300.0	16300.0
USA $	1.60	1.47

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Much of England and Wales will have a dry day. A few showers, especially in the west, but sunshine at times. Southwest England and south Wales will become more cloudy with some rain. Northern Ireland will be cloudy and mainly dry but rain is likely in the evening. Scotland will be cloudy with showers. Some sunshine especially in southern and eastern parts. Warmer in the east. Outlook: rain on Thursday; brighter with showers on Friday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	f	Madrid	26	79	s
Alicante	30	86	s	Majorca	28	79	c
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Athens	36	97	s	Mexico C*	22	72	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	36	97	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Milan	20	68	f
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	28	82	f
Barcelona	23	73	f	Moscow	22	72	f
Beirut	28	82	s	Munich	14	57	r
Belgrade	38	100	s	Nairobi	19	66	f
Berlin	20	68	f	Naples	29	84	s
Biarritz	20	68	c	N Delhi	32	90	f
Borde'x	16	61	r	N York*	21	70	r
Brussels	16	61	f	Nice	26	82	s
Budapst	28	82	s	Oslo	17	63	c
B Aires*	16	61	c	Paris	17	63	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	29	84	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Perth	17	63	s
Chicago*	28	82	s	Prague	19	66	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Reykjavik	14	57	s
Cologne	18	68	c	Rhodes	27	81	s
C'hagen	15	59	r	Rio de J	33	91	f
Corfu	29	84	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Rome	28	82	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Salzburg	13	55	r
Faro	29	84	s	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Florence	27	81	f	Santiago*	13	55	s
Frankfurt	19	66	f	Seoul	27	81	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Stckholm	21	70	f
Geneva	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	21	70	f
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	13	55	f
Helsinki	22	72	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Hong K	29	84	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Innsbruck	13	55	c	Tokyo	20	68	c
Istanbul	29	84	s	Toronto*	20	68	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Valencia	26	79	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	19	66	f
La Toquet	14	57	f	Venice	25	77	f
Lisbon	24	75	s	Vienna	17	63	r
Locarno	25	77	f	Warsaw	21	70	c
L Angeles*	21	70	c	Wash'ton*	27	81	r
Luxembg	13	55	r	Wel'ngton	14	57	c
Luxor	36	100	s	Zurich	17	63	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.6	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Anglesey	2.5	0.01	19	66	rain
Aviemore	3.1	0.02	17	63	shower
Belfast	2.7	0.06	18	64	bright
Birmingham	4.7	0.01	19	66	thundr
Bognor Regis	3.9	0.35	19	66	shower
Bournemouth	5.3	0.28	21	70	shower
Bristol	5.3	0.17	19	66	sunny
Buxton	1.0	0.52	15	59	shower
Cardiff	6.1	0.13	18	64	shower
Colwyn Bay	-	0.35	15	59	rain
Cromer	7.8	0.03	19	66	bright
Edinburgh	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Exmouth	9.3	0.17	20	68	shower
Falmouth	5.8	0.16	18	64	shower
Folkestone	4.4	0.33	18	64	bright
Glasgow	3.1	0.15	20	68	shower
Guernsey	9.7	0.09	20	68	sunny
Hastings	5.2	0.13	19	66	shower
Isle of Man	0.3	0.06	17	63	cloudy
Jersey	7.5	0.30	19	66	bright
Leeds	-	0.54	16	61	rain
Lerwick	0.1	-	11	52	drizzle
Liverpool	-	0.66	15	59	rain
Lowestoft	4.7	0.09	19	66	shower
Margate	6.0	0.17	19	66	thundr
Morecambe	0.1	0.71	18	64	rain
Newcastle	1.7	0.25	15	59	bright
Newquay	3.8	0.37	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	4.0	0.43	18	64	rain
Penzance	4.7	0.39	18	64	shower
Plymouth	9.5	0.10	19	66	shower
Sandown	5.9	0.41	19	66	shower
Scarborough	0.2	0.13	15	59	rain
Scilly Isles	2.5	0.10	16	61	cloudy
Stornoway	0.1	0.01	12	54	drizzle
Tenby	6.0	-	19	66	bright
Tiree	9.7	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	10.8	0.04	22	72	sunny
Wick	-	0.02	12	54	rain
Worthing	4.1	0.21	20	68	bright

These are Monday's figures

London 9.35 pm to 4.39 am
Bristol 9.44 pm to 4.48 am
Edinburgh 10.10 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 8.53 pm to 4.37 am
Penzance 9.50 pm to 5.06 am

Sun rises: 5.09 am
Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon rises 4.53 am
Moon sets 9.39 pm
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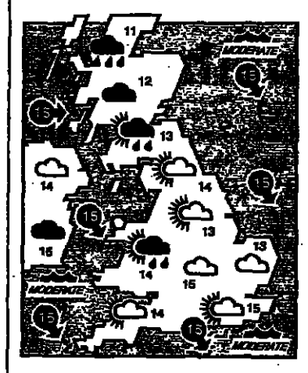
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr..

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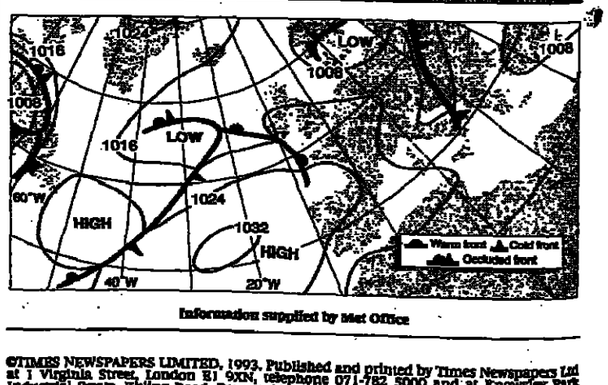
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Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	19	66	f
Bristol	18	64	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	19	66	s	M'nchester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	16	61	f	Newcastle	13	55	c
Glasgow	17	63	f	R'nldsway	15	59	s





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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.50	7.4	4.10	7.3	Liverpool	1.00	9.7	1.25	9.5
Aberdeen	3.02	4.14	3.40	4.3	Lowestoft	11.22	2.6		
Avonmouth	9.26	13.3	9.42	13.6	Margate	1.58	4.8	2.13	4.9
Belfast	12.44	3.6	1.12	3.2	Milford Haven	8.20	7.0	8.38	7.3
Cardiff	9.11	12.3	9.27	12.6	Newquay	7.10	7.0	7.28	7.3
Devonport	5.01	6.3	7.15	5.6	Oban	6.53	3.9	7.04	4.1
Dover	12.44	6.6	1.12	6.8	Penzance	7.00	5.4	7.15	5.7
Falmouth	7.31	5.1	7.45	5.4	Portland	8.07	2.1	8.22	2.3
Glasgow	2.46	4.9	3.32	4.6	Portsmouth	12.01	4.8	12.34	4.9
Harwich	1.46	4.0	2.04	4.0	Shoreham	12.57	6.2	1.32	6.3
Holyhead	12.01	5.8	12.26	5.6	Southampton	12.34	4.5	1.06	4.8
Hull	8.14	7.6	8.47	7.5	Swansea	8.28	9.7	8.45	9.9
Ilfracombe	8.07	9.3	8.24	9.6	Tees	5.37	5.6	6.06	5.4
King's Lynn	8.28	6.9	9.04	6.7	W'ton-on-Nze	1.38	4.2	1.55	4.2
Leith	4.26	5.6	5.04	5.5					



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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5007 (+0.0010)
German mark .. 2.5684 (+0.0104)
Exchange index ..... 81.6 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2823.9 (-19.0)
Dow Jones ..... 3533.60 (-1.68)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20038.00 (-112.92)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.06-3.05%*
Long Bond 6.58%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5015*	£:$	1.5015
$:DM	1.7095*	£:DM	2.5631
$:SWfr	1.5040*	£:SWfr	2.2624
$:Ffr	5.8387*	£:Ffr	8.7715
$:Yen	108.35*	£:Yen	163.14
£:SDR	1.0736	£:ECU	1.3168

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 391.50 ..... PM 392.10
Close 392.30-392.80
New York:
Comex 391.65-392.15*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price



CHRIS HARRIS

In reflective mood: Ronald Freeman, acting EBRD president, said Jacques Attali would not be held liable for what he had done "in good faith"

Attali terms to include a degree of immunity

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in the final throes of removing Jacques Attali as its legal president, will not really be "out of trouble" until a new leader is appointed, according to Ronald Freeman, the acting president.

But he said the terms under which M Attali went had to be "seen to be fair". Bank officials are awaiting word from Anne Wibble, the EBRD's Swedish chairman, that she and M Attali, who left the bank abruptly last Thursday, have exchanged letters. M Attali is to waive a £147,000 pay-off in exchange for partial immunity from liability for extravagances while president.

Mr Freeman, emerging from the "purdah" EBRD *officials have been under in* recent weeks, told *The Times* that under the trade-off, M Attali would not be held liable for what was done "in good faith" during his presidency, nor for the findings of the audit committee report issued last Friday. However, the bank "reserved its right to anything outside the report", he said. This leaves M Attali open to pursuit by the bank, if fresh evidence of any irregularities surfaces.

Mr Freeman, an American and M Attali's deputy until he was appointed acting president last week, sees benefits as well as damage arising from the public battering the EBRD has taken. He said the media bombardment had "improved the *esprit de corps*" at the bank. The quality of the investment portfolio was "very good" and City speculation that the bank faced a staff exodus was false.

Mrs Wibble wants the new president to take office by early September. Contenders must officially submit their names by today. Only two names, believed to be Jacques de Larosière, governor of the French central bank, and the Dane Henning Christophersen, the European economics commissioner, were on the table yesterday. But Miklós Németh, the former Hungarian prime minister, is considered a possible late entry.

Reports from Paris, quoting international monetary sources, said M de Larosière was expected to secure the EBRD job under a deal confirmed by the leading industrial economies at the Tokyo summit. The IMF, where M de Larosière used to be managing director, was said to be involved. The sources said the appointment would be for longer than the two years that remain of M Attali's aborted term, possibly for six years.

Mr Freeman said there could still be delays, because selecting a president was political. "That is why it is all the more important to keep the [EBRD] orchestra playing," he said. He saw his task as making sure the bank "maintained its level of activity" during the hiatus.

He rejected criticism that the bank had been slow in lending to eastern and central Europe. "My concern is not the pace, but the quality and *direction (of lending) ... and* that it is done in the right way," he said. Lack of consensus about the EBRD's direction meant it had to find "a mean between JP Morgan (the American investment bank) and Mother Theresa".

Mr Freeman was surprisingly warm in his praise of Pierre Pissaloux, the French director of cabinet, and Sylvia Jay, the deputy director, given widespread expectations that they will be under pressure to quit. He described them as "valuable assets"; but the cabinet system had made them "too user-friendly".

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Pound up on ERM tensions

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pound continued its upward march yesterday, buoyed by optimism about the recovery, fading belief that base rates will be cut and continuing tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism.

Sterling closed at 81.6 on its trade-weighted index compared with an opening of 81.4 and Monday's finish of 81.3. It gained nearly a pfennig to DM2.5684 and firmed to close at $1.5007.

A more sanguine view of the UK economy should be confirmed today when June retail sales are expected to show a rise of 0.5 per cent on May. There was little reaction to an unexpected fall in M4 broad money supply because technical factors played a large part.

The dollar rallied after Alan Greenspan, US Federal Reserve chairman, said he was disappointed with inflationary trends and that short-term interest rates should rise as the economy improves.

The franc languished near its ERM floor against the mark. The Danish krone looked a little healthier, buttressed by higher interest rates. Dealers nervously waited to see if the Bundesbank lowers the repurchase rate today.

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Flotation plan for House of Fraser

BY JON ASHWORTH

HOUSE of Fraser, the department stores group which embraces Army & Navy, Dickins and Jones, and a host of well-known names across the country, is coming back to the market after an eight-year absence.

The Fayed brothers, who won control in 1985 after a vitriolic £615 million battle with Lonrho, plan to bring the group to the market next spring in a flotation the City expects to net £400 million or more. Harrods, the flagship Knightsbridge store, is not part of the deal. Ali Fayed has stepped down as chairman in favour of Brian McGowan, chief executive of Williams Holdings, who becomes non-executive chairman, and will oversee a separate board in the run-up to flotation.

The Fayeds intend to sell 100 per cent of their stake in the group and use the proceeds to cut debts of about £650 million. House of Fraser Holdings, holding company for the Fayeds' retailing interests, has effectively handed over all responsibility for the department stores, excluding Harrods, to Mr McGowan and his team. Day-to-day management remains in the hands of Andrew Jennings, managing director, and Richard Scott, finance director. SG Warburg has been appointed sponsor to the proposed flotation. SG Warburg Securities is broker.

Yesterday, Mr McGowan hailed the imminent flotation as a "clean break with the past", and repeatedly stressed that the Fayeds would no longer have any connection with the group. His immediate task, he said, was to raise the group's profile and overcome City scepticism about House of Fraser's financial strength. He said: "The City probably can't name more than two or three of our brands. In some quarters, there is going to be a credibility problem. This is a new team for the future, but the policies and philosophies are not going to change."



McGowan: clean break

Much of the City's attention will now focus on House of Fraser Stores' recent profit record. Results for the year to January 1993, due out soon, are expected to show pre-tax profits of £34 million on turnover of £695 million. Mr McGowan said recent sales trends have been encouraging. During the past 18 months, the number of full-time staff compared with part-timers has fallen from 60 to 40 per cent.

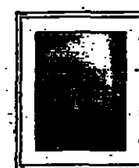
Mr McGowan said the group was in good shape for the market. "This is certainly not a case of saying this needs a real good shake-up. Substantial costs have been taken out of the business."

House of Fraser has been much in the news this year. In April, plans for a £300 million management buyout fell through after the Fayeds rejected the price. A few days later, the brothers sold their 10.6 per cent stake in Sears, the Selfridges retail group, at a book loss of £60 million.

The newly floated group will embrace a portfolio of 59 department stores spread from Inverness to Plymouth. Names include Army & Navy, Dickins and Jones, Barkers, Kendals, Jollys, Rackhams, Dingles, Arnotts, Howells and Cavendish House. Nearly a quarter of sales come from ladies clothing.

The battle for House of Fraser was one of the most controversial the City has seen. A subsequent report by the trade department criticised the Fayeds for "dishonestly misrepresenting their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources". They are challenging the report at the European Court of Human Rights.

Ways to put off the private investor



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Private investors were prepared to invest up to £4.6 billion in the final sale of BT shares. If only such sums were regularly available to invest in other quoted companies, especially the smaller companies that traditionally relied on private shareholders for expansion and market liquidity, the financing of business and stock market economics could be transformed. If only.

Rarely has the equity market needed private investors so much. Many companies are still too highly geared by borrowings for comfort and bankers with burnt and bandaged fingers are much more reluctant to lend for expansion, even for big companies. Nor should they again be so gung-ho at financing risk investments with loans. The flurry of rights issues has held share prices back since early spring, and the tide of new issues, often dictated by venture capital funds' need to recycle money invested in buyouts, is already meeting institutional investor fatigue.

The shortage of small but regular buying orders from private investors, who are still generally net sellers, also depresses share prices generally. That raises the cost of capital and gives companies a strong incentive to favour the lower risk of buying other low-rated businesses to expanding through their own new ventures or buying more expensive new capital assets. Much rhetoric is still aimed at courting the millions who bought privatised utility stocks into becoming regular stock market investors. When sensible people make sensible decisions, however, that suddenly becomes a low priority.

The last thing BT3's promoters were prepared to rely on was a pent-up desire by ordinary people to invest directly in the secondary equity market. Who is to say that was cynical rather than soberly realistic? As it was, the government chose to market the BT shares more as an alternative to a one-year high rate building society deposit, which at least offered useful relief for retired people hit by low interest rates. There was also the usual discount on the first instalment for those with even shorter time horizons, or who realised that the unknown course of the BT share price after "stabilisation" ends could have a pretty big impact on the one-year return. Either way, the message was that the public needed some special deal to make investment in an already-quoted company worthwhile. Sadly, that message will outweigh any positive effects of promoting share shops or favouring deeper share ownership by existing BT holders.

Government is by no means the only culprit. Crest, the share settlement system being put together by the Bank of England and securities industry interests to fill the Taurus gap, seems likely to force private investors into nominee accounts if they want to avoid higher charges. Those who choose nominee accounts would instead pay extra for direct contact with a company, at a minimum via annual reports and meetings.

If private investors are again to become a direct force on the stock market, it will only be achieved by building closer relations between shareholders and their companies, as in a fan club or affinity group. Apart from loyalty, companies receive regular benefits such as private investors' to raise their investment through scrip dividends without the inevitably temporary schemes needed to tempt institutional funds — schemes that incidentally depress share prices by increasing market supply.

The London Stock Exchange is getting into an equally unhelpful tangle through its twin desires to tailor its market for the needs of international fund managers and yet cling on to a small company sector it does not know how to serve. Reforms of new flotations, which have drastically reduced the role of public offers or widespread placings, have tended to freeze out many individual investors. Not surprisingly, there is not much of a secondary market in small company shares. Eventual abolition of the Unlisted Securities Market provides an opportunity to create a separate new market in domestically traded companies to suit private investors but, as with paperless settlement, that seems unlikely to drive reform.

The economy suffers more than City folk suppose from this gap between actions and words.



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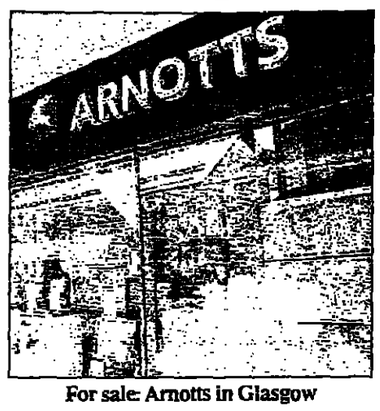
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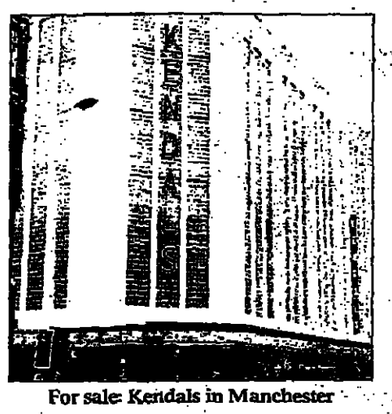
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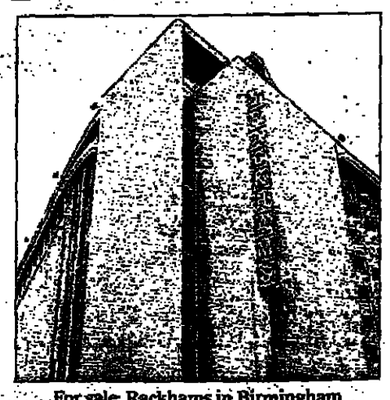
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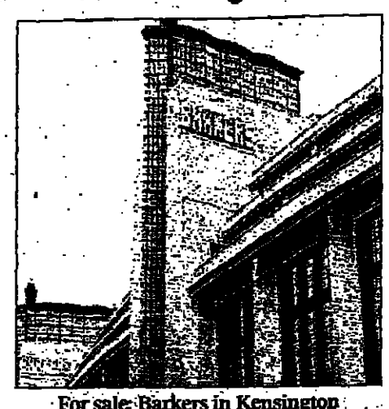
Going up for sale — a department store near you



For sale: Arnotts in Glasgow


For sale: Kendals in Manchester


For sale: Rackhams in Birmingham


For sale: Barkers in Kensington

From Plymouth to Inverness, biggest high street names come to market

By Jon Ashworth

WHEN Mohamed Fayed and his brothers sell out of House of Fraser Stores next spring, they will be turning their backs on one of the Britain's oldest and most eclectic retail groups.

Most Londoners, when they think House of Fraser, think of Harrods. Dickins and Jones, Army & Navy and D H Evans. But in Birmingham and the Midlands, many more will think of Rackhams. Few Mancunians have not passed through the doors of Kendals at one time or another, and who in Plymouth or Bristol has not come across Dingles?

Even without Harrods, which is not part of next year's flotation package, investors will be left with a portfolio of 59 stores dotted the length and breadth of Britain. Since 1985, when House of Fraser left the stock market after the Fayeds' hard-fought contest with Lonrho, more than 30 stores have been closed and the number of employees has shrunk substantially. In the past two years alone, staff numbers have fallen from 10,000 to 6,900 — all part of an exercise that Brian McGowan, newly appointed non-executive chairman of House of Fraser Stores, sees as "grooming" the group for its imminent return to public life.

It is easy to forget that mighty high street names, such as Harrods of Knightsbridge, Dickins and Jones of Regent Street and Jollys of Bath, were once no more than tiny, family owned concerns specialising in drapery or groceries. House of Fraser's roots date back to 1849 when James Arthur and Hugh Fraser opened a new "silk mercery, linen and woollen drapery establishment" in Glasgow. Today, the name lives on in Frasers stores in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Perth, and House of Frasers in Gateshead, Lakeside and Meadowhall.

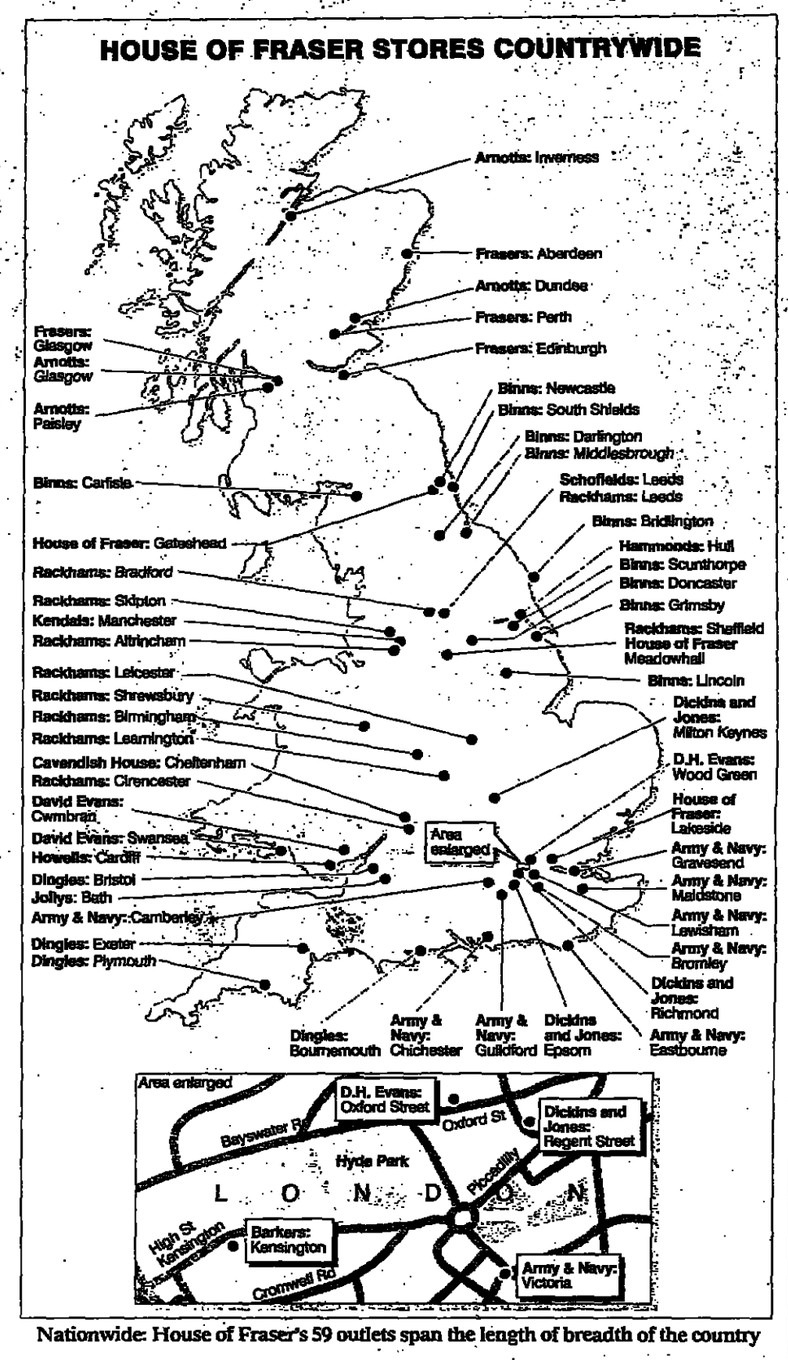
Even after the cutbacks, House of Fraser Stores is Britain's biggest department store group. Politicians who browse at the Army & Navy store down the road from the Houses of Parliament could be forgiven for thinking it was the only one of its kind. There are also A&N stores in Bromley, Camberley, Chichester, Eastbourne, Gravesend, Guildford, Lewisham and Maidstone.

Another sizable member is Binns, with outlets in Bridlington, Carlisle, Darlington, Doncaster, Grimsby, Lincoln, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Scunthorpe and South Shields. Then there is Rackhams, with stores in Altrincham, Birmingham, Bradford, Cirencester, Leamington, Leeds, Leicester, Shrewsbury, Skipton and Sheffield.

One-offs include Barkers on Kensington High Street, London, Cavendish House in Cheltenham, Hammonds of Hull, Kendals of Manchester, Schofields of Leeds and Howells of Cardiff. London has two D H Evans — in Oxford Street and Wood Green — and there are Dickins and Jones stores in Epsom, Richmond, Milton Keynes and Regent Street. Dingles has outlets in Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter and Plymouth. Rounding it off is David Evans in Cwmbran and Swansea, and Arnotts in Dundee, Glasgow, Inverness and Paisley.

Diverse though it may be, much of the present group, which was built up by Lord Fraser of Allander, was modernised by Sir Hugh Fraser, who was chairman from his father's death in 1966 until 1982. Sir Hugh eventually bowed out, amid recriminations, and battle was joined for Harrods between the Fayeds and Lonrho.


One that got away: Mohamed Fayed, outside Harrods



Nationwide: House of Fraser's 59 outlets span the length of breadth of the country

Careful consumers start spending again

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

BRITISH consumers appear to be regaining confidence but the return to healthy spending and borrowing is extremely gradual and weak, according to bank and building society lending figures released yesterday.

Building societies reported a rise in new loans commitments to £3.2 billion in June, up 14 per cent from May but still 1.3 per cent lower than the same time last year. However, Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: "The figures for the second quarter of the year confirm that the housing market is recovering slowly, with lending significantly higher than in the first quarter." He noted that net new commitments were 24 per cent higher in April, May and June than in the first quarter.

Robert Thomas, chief economist at NatWest Capital Markets, said: "It is rather disappointing ... the housing market is no longer dead but the ripple of activity is yet to build into wave-like proportions."

Figures from the British Bankers' Association provided a more buoyant picture, with credit card lending to individuals of £112 million, more than three times the level in June last year. Bank mortgage lending rose by £963 million, compared with £814 million in March.

However, total sterling lending to the private sector rose by £800 million, a smaller increase than May's rise of nearly £1.15 billion. Lord Inchyra, director-general of the association, said: "Although June's rise in lending was somewhat down on May's, there are now signs that the longer-term trend may have started to improve."

One important caveat to continuing weakness in bank lending figures is that many companies have chosen to raise money on the capital markets rather than from their banks. This may partly explain continued sluggishness in the growth of M4 money supply, which includes bank lending. M4 lending fell by a provisional seasonally adjusted 0.2 per cent in June, to give a year-on-year rise of 3.3 per cent.

Most market forecasts had looked for a small rise in lending but Don Smith of Midland Global Markets, who correctly forecast the decline, explained that this was due to large special factors. He highlighted the fact that a £1.3 billion rights issue which Zeneca, formerly part of ICI, launched in June had partly been used to repay bank debt. That had depressed June's M4 data. Perhaps the most interesting component of yesterday's money supply figures was the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement element of M4. Mr Thomas, of Natwest Capital Markets, says the evidence on the PSBR suggests that the deficit could be undershooting the government's £50 billion estimate for the full year.

"It is difficult to interpolate from just three month's figures but the tone of the PSBR figures so far this year suggests that the PSBR could come in well below the government's projection," he said. Some economists believe the Treasury's budget projections were deliberately pessimistic, to force the government into cuts in public spending.

Business Roundup

British Gas waives right to lift prices

BRITISH Gas has promised to waive its right to increase prices by 1 per cent from October 1. The decision comes as the monopolies commission is about to deliver its report on the future of the gas industry. Sir James McKinnon, head of Ofgas, the regulatory body, said the permissible rise "would probably have been swallowed up by the administrative costs of the change".

The monopolies commission report, which will go to industry ministers for consideration, is expected to recommend separation of British Gas's transmission business from its supply arm, to facilitate further development of a competitive gas market.

Gallaher cuts 670 jobs

GALLAHER, the US-owned cigarette and tobacco company, is to shed 670 UK workers and blamed the cuts on tobacco tax rises and the recession. The biggest losses will occur at the JR Freeman and Son cigar factory in Port Talbot, South Wales, which will close by next March with the loss of 370 jobs. Production will be concentrated at the Cardiff plant. The other 300 jobs will go among the 1,100 employees at Gallaher's Ballymena, Northern Ireland, factory.

Citicorp thrives

CITICORP, the largest American bank, has produced sharply higher second-quarter profits. Lower commercial loan losses and substantially reduced credit costs tripled Citicorp's net profits to $446 million. NationsBank, ranked five, which owns Panmure Gordon, the London stockbroker, reported a 22 per cent advance in the first quarter to $306 million, but profits for the first half before a tax credit remained flat at $587 million. Tempus, page 27

GM picks up $6bn bill

GENERAL Motors will pay up to $6 billion to settle legal actions from owners of pickup trucks with side-mounted petrol tanks which critics claim are vulnerable to explosion in some types of collision. GM says the settlement will not be a financial drain on the company, and will offer rebates of $1,000 to the 4.7 million — 6 million customers who bought the vehicles between 1973 to 1987. The rebates only apply if they buy a new GM vehicle.

Brasway profit dented

DIFFICULT trading, with weak markets in the UK and continental Europe, has dented profits at Brasway, the Midlands hoses-to-hydraulics group. In the year to end-April pre-tax profits fell to £776,000 (£1.2 million). This year's figure included a £751,000 exceptional profit on the sale just before the year end of its tube business. Earnings per share dipped to 0.69p against 1.15p last time, and a final dividend of 0.27p makes a total of 0.51p. (0.58p).

Eldridge Pope sale

ELDRIDGE Pope, the Dorset public house operator and brewer, has sold its beer wholesaling business to Carlsberg-Tetley, the joint venture formed last year by Allied-Lyons and Carlsberg. Eldridge said the deal, worth £5.8 million, would enable it to refurbish and extend its pubs estate, which presently comprises 180 outlets. Carlsberg-Tetley will be the main supplier of lager into Eldridge's pubs, and Eldridge will supply wine to Carlsberg-Tetley's Wessex operation.

Tough for Argyll

ARGYLL, the supermarket group, is finding trading conditions challenging, shareholders were told at their annual meeting. Sir Alistair Grant, chairman, said current sales inflation, at just under 1.5 per cent, excluding petrol, was below expectations of a modest rise this year. Argyll plans to open 24 Safeway stores this year and has a goal of ten million sq ft of floor space in the stores. Sir Alistair said the group would also expand its Presto and Lo-Cost network.

Prospect losses increase

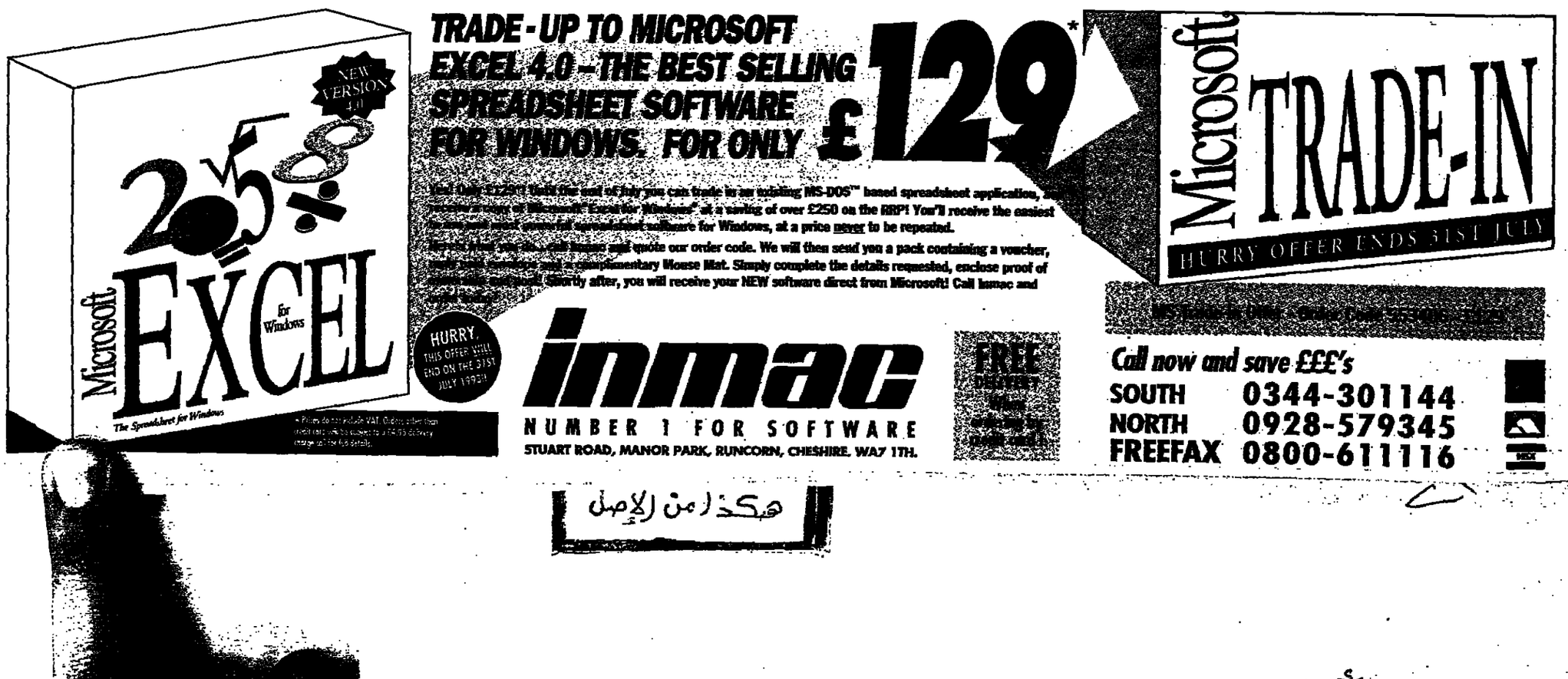
PROSPECT Industries has been transformed over the past two years from an engineering components business to a group that is heavily dependent on the power generation sector. The new emphasis pushes most of its earnings into the summer months when generators do maintenance work. Prospect increased its pre-tax loss for the six months to March 31 from £737,000 to £1.2 million, but the directors are recommending a rise in the interim dividend from 0.25p to 0.275p.

Car auction group dips

CENTRAL Motor Auctions, the motor vehicle auction group, has seen interim pre-tax profits dip to £347,000 (£432,000) due to a sharp rise in interest charge to £189,000 (£112,000). The interest payment increase was partly to finance the refurbishment of some of its seven outlets, and the purchase of a storage depot near St Albans, Hertfordshire. Earnings per share in the six months to end-April fell to 1.81p from 2.70p, and the interim dividend is unchanged at 1p.

Reliance pegs payout

RELIANCE Security is holding the dividend at 4.5p for the year to April 30 after a profits slump from £3.4 million to £1.1 million, but Brian Kingham, chairman, and his fellow directors are waiving half their entitlement to save £284,000. The results include exceptional costs of £352,000 for reorganisation and staff cuts and a £1.2 million loss on developing electronic surveillance. Sales rose to £68 million (£63 million) but earnings fell to 3.5p (10.2p).



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SB poised to mount Wellcome challenge

■ New drugs are helping SmithKline Beecham to increase profits despite depressed economic conditions in keymarkets and a tougher regulatory environment

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SMITHKLINE Beecham revealed that it had submitted a herpes treatment that rivals Wellcome's Zovirax for approval in America and all important European markets.

Wellcome's drug has enjoyed large sales and profits for many years. Approval of a rival would be a further blow to the company, coming after a recent trial that questioned the effectiveness of Retrovir, the Aids drug, in slowing the onset of full-blown Aids in HIV-positive patients.

SB increased pre-tax profits by 15 per cent, to £601 million, in the six months to June 30, on sales up 23 per cent at £3,029 million. The results were helped by £37 million of exceptional profits from disposals, against £23 million in the first half of last year.

SB said second-quarter growth reflected the contribution from newer products and from volume growth, rather than drug price increases. Newer products, including Paxil/Seroxat, an anti-depressant, Relafen, an arthritis medication, Kytril, an injectable anti-emetic, and Havrix, a hepatitis A vaccine, contributed sales of £203 million, against £212 million for the whole of 1992.

European sales, affected by government controls on healthcare spending, managed a 1 per cent rise. In Germany and Italy, however, sales dropped by 9 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively.

Sales of Tagamet, SB's ageing ulcer drug, which loses its US patent next year, dipped by 3 per cent in the second quarter and by 12 per cent over the six months. Next year, however, the drug can be sold on the over-the-counter market.

SB declared a second-quarter dividend of 2.533p on the A shares, the same as in the first quarter, and 4.756 cents per equity unit. The shares rose 3p to 419p yesterday.

Robert Bauman, the chief executive, said: "We believe SmithKline Beecham is well positioned to show growth in line with our objectives for 1993. However, the healthcare market is becoming increasingly difficult to forecast and the long-term impact of these pressures is not clear."

□ Merck, the US drug company, more than doubled the number of US jobs it is cutting to 2,100, under a $775 million restructuring plan. It said its non-US workforce would be cut next year but gave no details. The charge depressed second-quarter profits to $172.6 million, from $643.7 million a year ago, and trimmed the half-year advance to $786.3 million.



JOHN MANNING

Moving on: William Rollason, left, finance director of Marling Industries, with David Abel Smith, chief executive, who reported a successful year

Pre-tax losses cut sharply at Marling

MARLING Industries, the seat belts to industrial fabrics group, cut pre-tax losses sharply in the year to end-March to £9.6 million from losses of £27.9 million last time (Martin Flanagan writes).

It also announced a one-for-ten rights issue of 16.1 million shares at 19p to raise £2.9 million to pay for the acquisition of Muller, a German company that makes elasticated products and sports bandages. Marling revealed it had sold its Spanish businesses, which had kept it in the red, for a nominal sum.

Profit of on-going businesses recovered to £2.1 million from a £1.6 million deficit last time. Overall losses per share in the period fell to 7.80p against losses of 69.55p last year. A final dividend of 0.65p is the total for the year (0.22p).

David Abel Smith, the chief executive of Marling, said that the group had enjoyed a successful year with continued rationalisation.

Scottish pits bid plan supported by unions

BY ROSS TIERNAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A NEWLY formed company is planning to bid for all of British Coal's Scottish operations and invest £200 million in re-opening the Frances colliery in Fife.

Mining Scotland, which counts former British Coal commercial chief Malcolm Edwards among its directors, also hopes to acquire the Longannet pit complex, British Coal's only remaining deep mine north of the border, and its extensive opencast operations. The proposal has the backing of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

The announcement came on the eve of the publication of British Coal's annual financial results. The corporation is expected to unveil heavy losses today after making provisions for the cost of closures.

Although the government has yet to decide whether to privatise British Coal as a single unit or break it up, directors of Mining Scotland have already held discussions with the industry department in London to press for the Scottish activities to be sold separately.

Professor Ross Harper, a Glasgow lawyer, said: "Our clear message to government is as follows — it is vital that the Scottish assets be separated from British Coal. If it is to be privatised, Scottish Coal should be sold off separately. There is no point in replacing a public British monopoly with a private British monopoly." Mining Scotland also has the backing of George McAlpine, a former British Coal chief in Scotland.

Campbell Christie, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, said that while unions were unhappy with government plans to privatise British Coal, if the industry were to be sold, it was important for management and employees to be involved.

Mining Scotland plans to involve the workforce in its proposals with an employee share ownership scheme.

Last week, another Scottish company, Caledonian Mining, announced plans to bid for the whole of British Coal with the hope of operating up to 20 pits, some five or six more than the corporation perceives to be viable.

SIB orders check of society files

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

SIX hundred customer files at the North of England Building Society are being checked at the request of the Securities and Investments Board. A firm of independent actuaries is investigating the possibility that some customers were wrongly sold personal pensions or with-profits bonds.

The investigation started after a routine SIB compliance visit to the society, based in Sunderland, last September. The society is authorised under the Financial Services Act as an independent financial adviser. It is one of eight such advisers regulated directly by SIB, whose chairman is Andrew Large.

The North of England said no evidence of misselling in individual cases had been uncovered during the compliance visit.

SIB had asked for a review of its "documentational procedures" including factfinds filled in by salesmen. After the visit, the North of England appointed William M. Mercer, the firm of actuaries, to carry out an in-depth investigation of the files. This is expected to finish in September.

About 130 customers have responded to the society's offer of an interview with an actuary, to get a second opinion as to whether they had been sold a suitable product.

The North of England said: "If there have been any mistakes we want to put them right." Any customers sold the wrong pension or investment would be compensated, the society said.

Last August, SIB issued guidelines on pension transfers, which stress that salesmen must make clear the advantages of company schemes as well as personal pensions.

The North of England rejected allegations that its decision to become a tied agent of General Accident from September 1 was a direct consequence of SIB's request for a review. The decision to tie had been taken before last year's compliance visit, it said.



Large: watchdog

Fed chief more upbeat than White House on economy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

ALAN Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, yesterday forecast that the American economy was growing much stronger than the Clinton administration had predicted, but he said he remained concerned about inflation.

In characteristically hawkish testimony to Congress, he gave an assessment of the US economy which runs totally counter to the administration's own forecasts.

Mr Greenspan said that inflation performance this year had proved "disappointing", and he emphasised that the function of a central bank was to "achieve and maintain price stability", implying the Fed might use its discretion to raise short-term interest rates if it saw fit.

His scepticism on inflation comes in spite of the publication of cost of living statistics last week, which showed that there had been no inflation during June.

But in his remarks to the House of Representatives' banking subcommittee, he gave one his strongest endorsements yet of President Clinton's economic plan. He said the $500 billion deficit reduction package was "probably the right size", and financial markets would respond negatively if the plan failed in Congress.

He said a "credible and effective fiscal package would provide an improved outlook for sustained lower long-term interest rates and a better environment for private sector investment". His statement is as close as a Fed chairman can realistically come to endorse an administration's policies, without being accused of partisanship. However, this did not hide his differences with the administration's chief economist on the assessment of the economic performance of the US economy.

Mr Greenspan's forecast that the US economy will grow by 3 per cent this year, which stands in contrast to a more pessimistic assessment by Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of the president's council of economic advisers, who had recently downgraded her economic growth forecast to 2.5 per cent from 3.1 per cent at the beginning of this year.

Mr Greenspan defended the Federal Reserve Board's decision to "lean towards" higher interest rates. However, the decision has not yet been implemented.

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CAA warns cuts could cause air traffic delays

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

GOVERNMENT moves to cut capital expenditure could lead to a return of long air traffic control delays and queues of frustrated holiday-makers at Britain's airports.

The Civil Aviation Authority, which is spending more than £100 million a year over five years in introducing the latest air traffic control equipment, fears that cutbacks that may be ordered by the Treasury could force it to abandon many of the improvements now in the pipeline.

Christopher Chataway, the CAA chairman, said: "At this time of the year there are always anxieties and this year they are far greater than in others. If there is not to be a return to the problems of the 1980s, it is absolutely essential that we carry through our investment programme and, therefore, we must be enabled to borrow substantially. If not, we could easily see a return to the delays of the past — and even worse."

His warning comes as the CAA is starting to see the benefits that have flowed from a five-year £750 million investment programme, which has transformed Britain's radar coverage and air traffic control procedures and greatly reduced delays at airports.

The average out-bound delay on international services, which was 14 minutes 12 months ago, is now down to seven, and domestic delays are also averaging seven minutes, from 20 minutes a year ago.

The £750 million investment programme includes provision of £350 million for a new en-route air traffic control centre near Fareham, Hampshire, and it is thought inconceivable that this could be the subject of cuts. The Treasury has instructed all government departments to curtail capital expenditure that involves any borrowings through the national loan fund. As the CAA is under the transport department it is feared that many projects could be axed.

Ironically, the CAA has had one of its most profitable and successful years, so much so that it will have to give back £5.4 million to the airlines through reduced charges next year.

As a publicly owned monopoly, the CAA is required by law to make a return of only 8 per cent on turnover, but last year made 15 per cent. Despite making some cuts in charges this year, its income from air traffic control charges, licensing and other fees already seems likely to be even greater during the current financial year. To balance the books, therefore, and end up with the 8 per cent return over a three-year period, charges will fall sharply next year.

With pressure mounting for the CAA to be privatised, there is a growing feeling within the organisation that only by becoming completely free from government control and able to use its profits and expertise in borrowing what and when it needs, can the improvements be maintained.



Flight controller: Christopher Chataway of the CAA

Train maker could sue TML

ESC Wagons, the consortium set up by Bombardier Inc to build the shuttle-train cars for the Channel tunnel, said it has filed a claim against Trans-Manche Link for C$746 million (£389 million).

The claim for cost overruns in its C$700 million contract to build the trains is C$296 million more than the C$450 million Bombardier asked for in a claim notification letter to TML in December.

Bombardier said the difference is to compensate for delays and disruptions "resulting from TML's actions."

France ahead

French industrial production rose 0.2 per cent in May, but that still left the level of output in the recession-hit economy 3.4 per cent lower than a year earlier, the National Statistics Office said. Manufacturing output was up 0.3 per cent after remaining unchanged in April, but it was still 5.5 per cent lower than 12 months earlier.

German drop

Orders to west German carmakers in May were 11.5 per cent down on the same month a year earlier but 4.4 per cent up on April 1993, the Federal Statistics Office said. The German automobile industry association, said. It reported German vehicle production last month had dropped 25 per cent year-on-year to 343,900.

Buying in

Bromsgrove Industries, the engineer, has acquired Montgomery Group, a Houston precision machinist serving the oil and gas extraction industry, for $3.5 million. Montgomery had sales of $3 million in its last financial year.

Harry Ramsden's

Interim results from Harry Ramsden's were incorrectly reported yesterday. Pre-tax profits at the fish and chip restaurant group were £87,673 in the six months to the end of March, against £76,706 in the first half of the previous year, and earnings were 1p a share, against 0.9p. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1p.

STOCKMARKET

Banks take pounding after talk of a cash call by NatWest

SUGGESTIONS that the **National Westminster Bank** may be poised to ask shareholders to dig deep into their pockets unsettled the equity market and sent share prices sharply lower.

Now that the BT3 sale has been completed, the City is bracing itself for another series of rights issues and, with the bank reporting season starting next week, National Westminster is seen, by some, as one of the first in the queue.

It remains to be seen if there is any truth in the story, but NatWest ended the session 15p lower at 491p and dragged the rest of the banks with it. **Barclays** fell 14p to 478p, **Lloyds**, 9p to 579p, **HSBC**, 18p to 641p, **Abbey National**, 6p to 403p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 7p to 298p, **Standard Chartered**, 15p to 835p and **TSB Group**, 4½p to 199p.

The nervousness in the banks combined with a sell-off of the financial future and some disappointing money supply figures to leave the FT-SE 100 index nursing a loss of 19.0 points at 2,823.9 in thin trading that saw 604 million shares traded.

The early rise on Wall Street in the wake of some encouraging remarks on the American economy by Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, made little impact.

Cable and Wireless fell 4p to 760p in spite of Lord Young, the chairman, telling shareholders the company had made an encouraging start to the year and that its core businesses were growing strongly. But **Courtaulds**, the chemicals group, fell 5p to 511p after Sir Christopher Hogg, the chairman, told the annual meeting that trading was patchy, with no clear pattern emerging.

Argyll, the Safeway supermarket chain, fell 11p to 302p. Sir Alistair Grant, the chairman, said that the current year would be more challenging because sales inflation remained at low levels. Competitive pressures have also put the squeeze on margins.

The comments from Argyll left **Kwik Save Discount** 7p lower at 670p, **William Morrison** 3p down at 130p, **J. Sainsbury** 8p lower at 450p and **Tesco** 5p down at 204p.

Laporte, the chemicals group, fell 15p to 580p after Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, cut its profits forecast and altered its recommendation of the shares from a hold to overvalued. Hoare Govett said that it had reduced its estimate for the current year by £14 million to £100 million. Laporte's own broker, BZW, is still looking for pre-tax profits of £105 million and last week was busily recommending the shares to clients.

Waste Management tumbled 60p to 578p as Cazenove, the company's own broker, cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £25 million to £160 million and for 1994 by £35 million to £185 million. Other brokers are expected to follow Cazenove's lead.

Medeva continued to reel from this week's profits warning, with a fall of 5½p to 110½p. That takes the loss of the past two days to 11½p. First-time dealings in **Quadromatic**, the engineer, got off to a confident start after a placing and intermediary offer at 123p. The shares started at 130p before ending the day at 128p, a premium of 5p.

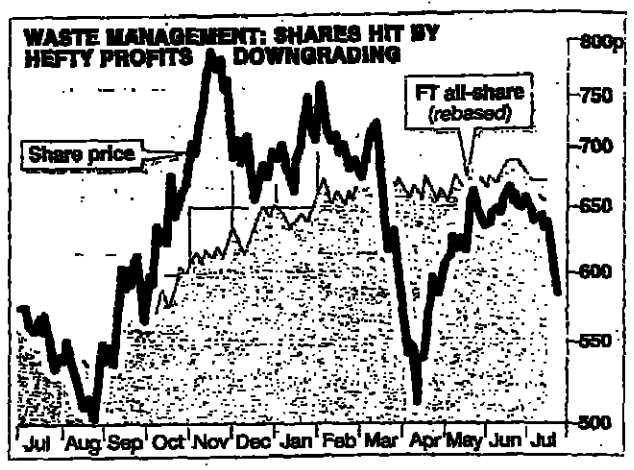
Jacques Vert, the fashion group, was steady at 113p after the sale of a parcel of shares belonging to Jack Cynamon and Alan Green, the joint chairmen. They have each sold 250,000 shares, or 2.6 per cent of the company, at 109½p raising more than £500,000.

The regional electricity companies continued to be chased higher on yield considerations and with the help of a buy recommendation from Salomon Brothers.

Gains were recorded in **Eastern**, 9p to 484p, **East Midland**, 9p to 466p, **London**, 11p to 494p, **Manweb**, 10p to 529p, **Midland**, 6p to 509p, **Northern**, 13p to 513p, **Seeboard**, 5p to 527p, **Southern**, 8p to 489p, **South Wales**, 12p to 553p, **South West**, 9p to 498p, and **Yorkshire**, 14p to 522p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: There was a retreat on the news that the next auction will seek to raise another £3.25 billion. But prices later recovered, with small gains recorded at the longer end. The September series of the long Gilt closed unchanged at £108²³/₃₂, with 21,000 contracts traded.

MICHAEL CLARK



The move by Great Universal Stores to enfranchise its shares has focused attention on Whitbread, with the A 8p firmer at 502p and the B unchanged at 998p. The rise was accompanied by revived talk of a sell-off. Brokers said speculators were jumping the gun and claimed that two large buyers in a thin market were the reason for the rise.

Swiss banks point clients towards gold

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

TWO private Swiss banks, breaking their traditional habit of telling, in whispers, private clients what they think, have publicly suggested that clients should add gold to their investment portfolios.

Lombard Odier & Cie, of Geneva, and Bank Julius Baer, of Zurich, have suggested, respectively, that private clients have 1 and 5 per cent of their portfolio directly associated with gold.

Some Swiss bankers are still shying away from gold, arguing that the latest rally has been driven by speculators. Fernando Palez, head of Asian and precious metals asset management at Bank Sarasin & Cie, believes demand for gold from Europe and Japan should remain sluggish over the next two years, and says "there are no inflationary fears that would fuel a flight into gold".

Other Swiss banks have not been so timid. In April, Swiss Bank Corporation, Switzerland's second largest bank, recommended the metal to its more aggressive clients. Lombard Odier yesterday suggested its clients broaden their exposure to gold by buying shares or the physical metal.

Johannesburg Consolidated Investment, the gold mining house, said in Johannesburg that it was likely to reduce its gold hedging progamme if the higher price was sustained, but added that it would still hedge part of its production so as to protect itself.

Ken Maxwell, main board director and head of the gold division, said JCI did not believe the gold price was "definitely going to continue to rise".

Higher profits from gold and a sharp rise in sundry revenue lifted Randfontein Estates' quarterly net profit from R49.8 million to R59.1 million (£12 million) in the three months ended June 30.

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei manages to stay above 20,000

Tokyo — Shares ended lower for the second successive day, mainly on arbitrage unwinding amid concerns over the post-election political power struggle, brokers reported. However, bargain-hunting pushed the Nikkei average back above the 20,000-mark by the close. The Nikkei average slid 112.92 points, or 0.56 per cent, to close at 20,038.00, with an estimated 240 million shares traded. In early trading, the Nikkei slipped below 20,000 for the first time since last Tuesday to a low of 19,977.40, down 173.52 points, after Japan's May economic indicators showed bleak economic prospects. Brokers said that light public pension fund and investment trust buying had underpinned the market.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices ended a see-saw day higher after a wave of bargain-hunting. The Hang Seng index ended 33.09 points higher at 6,846.81. Brokers said that Japanese and American buyers had snapped up shares on the expectation of good results from the Sino-British talks on Hong Kong's political future.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed easier in a narrow-range trading. Brokers said that they expected the market to remain trendless because of the lack of fresh incentives. A senior dealer at a local brokerage said: "Institutions have built up cash and are in no hurry to buy at the moment." He added that the market was likely to be capped within a ten-point range this week. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 4.24 points to 1,774.34.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index rose through the 1,800 level, pushed by firm blue chips. It closed 9.9 points higher at 1806.1.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices closed at a new 1993 high, even though the bourse slipped from highs 15 minutes before the close when Volkswagen shares tumbled. The Dax index closed, up 2.7 points, at 1,838.99. Market participants were increasingly sceptical that the bourse would be able to continue climbing. Turnover had now dwindled, and the only buyers left in the market were those who had missed the main rally, one trader said. (Reuter)

WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips moved higher in early afternoon trading, while the breadth of the market remained negative.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.30 points at 3,547.58. Falling shares led advancing issues. US Treasuries trimmed losses, with the long bond down ⁴/₃₂ to yield 6.55 per cent. "The market engaged in one of the better looking reversal days I've seen in a while," Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst at Raymond James and Associates, said. "The tech stocks are having their first dead cat bounce." (Reuter)

	Jul 20 midday	Jul 19 close
AMP Inc	59¾	59¾
AMR Corp	62¼	61
Abbott Labs	25¾	25
Aetna Life	58¾	58¾
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	41¼	42
Albertson's	50¼	52¼
Alcan Aluminum	19	18¾
Alco Standard	44¼	44
Allied Signal	68¼	69¼
Alum Co of Am	70¼	70¼
Amax	23¼	24¼
Amerada Hess	48¼	48¼
Amer Brands	33¼	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	53¾
Amer El Power	38	38¼
Amer Express	31¼	32¼
Amer Genl Corp	31¼	31½
Amer Home Pr	63¼	62¾
Amer Intl	136	136¼
Amer Stores	43	43¾
Amer T & T	64¼	64¼
Ameritech	78¼	78¼
Amoco	52¼	53¼
Anheuser-Busch	47¾	47¾
Apple Computer	27¼	25¾
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¼
Arkla	9¼	9¼
Armco	7¼	7¼
Armstrng Wrld	32¼	32
Asarco	18¼	18¼
Ashland Oil	27¼	26¼
Atl Richfield	113¼	113¼
Auto Data Pro	48¼	48¼
Avery Dennison	29¼	29¾
Avon Products	57¼	58¼
Baker Hughes	25¼	25¼
Baltim Gas & El	25¼	26
Banc One	54¼	55¼
BankAmerica	44¼	44¼
Bank of NY	56¼	57
Bankers Tr NY	76¼	77
Barnett Banks	46¼	46¼
Bausch & Lomb	46¼	48¼
Baxter Intl	26¼	27
Becton Dicknsn	37¼	37¼
Bell Atlantic	57¼	57¼
BellSouth	56¼	56¼
Black & Decker	21¼	21¼
Block (H&R)	35¼	35¼
Boeing	37¼	37¼
Boise Cascade	21¼	21¼
Borden Inc	18	18¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	58¼	57¼
Browning Ferris	27	26¼
Burlington Nthn	54	54¼
CBS	246	245¼
CNA Financial	90¼	91¼
CPC Intl	40¼	41¼
CSX	71¼	70¼
Campbell Soup	38¼	39¼
Can Pacific	15	14¼
Cptl Cities ABC	504¼	503
Cptl Holdings	42¼	41¼
Carolina Pwr	32¼	33¼
Caterpillar	78¼	79¼
Central & SW	32¼	32¼
Champion Intl	33¼	32¼
Chase Manhtn	32¼	32¼
Chemical Bk	39¼	39¼
Chevron Corp	83¼	83¼
Chrysler	44¼	44¼
Chubb Corp	92	92¼
Cigna Corp	57¼	57¼
Citicorp	31¼	32
Clorox	52¼	52¼
Coastal Corp	26¼	26¼
Coca Cola	44¼	44¼
Colgate-Palmolive	53	52¼
Columbia Gas	21¼	21¼
Commonw Ed	28¼	28¼
Compaq Comp	45¼	43¼
Comp Ass Intl	28¼	27¼
Conagra	24¼	24¼
Cons Edison	35¼	35¼
Cons Nat Gas	49¼	49¼
Cons Rail	53¼	53¼
Cooper Inds	48¼	50
Corning Inc	32¼	33¼
Crown Cork	34	33¼
Dana Corp	55¼	55¼
Dayton Hudson	66¼	65¼
Deere	66¼	65¼
Delta Air Lines	49¼	48¼
Deluxe Corp	37¼	38
Detroit Edison	35¼	35¼
Digital Equip	37¼	37¼
Dillard Dept St	35¼	35¼
Disney (Walt)	36¼	36¼
Dominion Res	46	46¼
Donnelley (RR)	28¼	28¼
Dover Corp	47¼	48¼
Dow Chemicals	57¼	57¼
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	24¼	24
Duke Power	42	42¼
Dun & Brdstreet	59¼	59¼
Du Pont	48¼	48¼
Eastman Kodak	50¼	50¼
Eaton Corp	43¼	44

	Jul 20 midday	Jul 19 close
Emerson Elec	58	58¼
Engelhard Corp	36¼	36¼
Enron Corp	65¼	65¼
Entergy Corp	36¼	37
Ethyl Corp	19¼	19¼
Exxon	65¼	64¼
FMC Corp	47¼	47¼
FPL Group	39¼	38¼
Federal Express	54	54¼
Fed Nat Mtge	83¼	83¼
First Chicago	44¼	44¼
First Interstate	64¼	64¼
First Union Rlty	10¼	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	33¼	33¼
Fluor Corp	43¼	43¼
Ford Motor	51¼	51¼
GTE Corp	36¼	36¼
Gannett	49¼	49¼
Gap Inc Del	28¼	28
Gen Dynamics	89¼	88¼
Gen Electric	99¼	99¼
Gen Mills	65¼	65¼
Gen Motors	47¼	47¼
Gen Reinsurance	117¼	117¼
Gen Signal	32¼	32¼
Genuine Parts	37	36¼
Georgia Pac	59¼	59¼
Gillette	53¼	53¼
Glaxo ADR	15¼	15¼
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44¼
Goodyear Tire	42	42
Grace (WR)	40¼	41
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30¼	31¼
Great Wstn Fin	17	17¼
Halliburton	36¼	35¼
Harcourt General	38¼	38¼
Heinz (HJ)	35¼	35¼
Hercules	78¼	78¼
Hershey Foods	44¼	45¼
Hewlett Packard	75¼	73¼
Hilton Hotels	42¼	42¼
Home Depot	42¼	43
Homestake Mng	18¼	18¼
Honeywell	37¼	38¼
Household Intl	75¼	75¼
Houston Inds	45¼	45¼
Humana	12¼	12¼
ITT Corp	87¼	88
Illinois Tool	37¼	38¼
INCO	20¼	19¼
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	37¼
Inland Steel	29¼	29¼
Intel Corp	51¼	50
IBM	42¼	43¼
Intl Flav & Fr	113¼	115
Intl Paper	64¼	64¼
James River Va	20¼	20¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¼	39¼
K Mart	20¼	20¼
Kellogg	51¼	51¼
Kerr-McGee	50¼	50¼
Kimberly-Clark	46	46
Knight-Ridder	52	52¼
Lilly (Eli)	47¼	46¼
Limited Inc	20¼	20¼
LIN Broadcstg	103¼	102¼
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Litton	63¼	64¼
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Lockheed Corp	67¼	69¼
Louisiana Pac	30¼	30¼
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Masco Corp	28¼	28¼
May Dept St	38¼	39¼
Maytag Corp	15	15¼
McCaw Cellular	49¼	49¼
McDonalds	48¼	49¼
McDonnell D	79¼	75¼
McGraw Hill	60¼	60
Mead Corp	41¼	42
Medtronic	63¼	62¼
Mellon Bk	56¼	56¼
Melville Corp	44¼	45¼
Merck Inc	33¼	32¼
Merrill Lynch	82¼	82¼
Minnesota Mine	110	110¼
Mobil Corp	70¼	70¼
Monsanto	59	59
Morgan (JP)	71¼	72
Motorola Inc	86¼	84¼
Natl Medical	10¼	11¼
Natl Semi	16¼	15¼
Natl Service Ind	26¼	26¼
Navistar Intl	27¼	27¼
NBD Bancorp	32¼	33¼
NY Times A	24¼	24¼
Newmont Mng	52¼	52¼
Niag Mohawk	24¼	24¼
Nike B	56¼	56¼
NL Industries	4¼	5¼
Nordstrom	26¼	26¼
Norfolk Sthrn	62¼	62¼
Nthn State Pwr	45	45¼
Norwest Corp	27¼	27¼
Nynex Corp	90¼	91¼
Occidental Pet	20¼	20¼
Ohio Edison	24¼	24¼
Oracle Systems	47¼	46¼

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Oryx Energy Co	19¼	19¼
Owens Corning	42	41¼
PNC Financial	30¼	31
PPG Industries	68¼	68¼
Paccar Inc	59¼	58¼
PacifiCorp	18¼	18¼
Pac Enterprises	24¼	24¼
Pac Gas & Elect	34¼	34¼
Pac Telesis	49	49¼
Pall Corp	17	17¼
Panhandle East	23¼	23¼
Paramnt Comm	51¼	51¼
Parker Hannifin	31¼	31¼
Penney (JC)	44¼	44¼
Pennzoil	61¼	61¼
Pepsico	35¼	35¼
Pfizer	63¼	62¼
Phelps Dodge	45¼	45¼
Philadel Elec	30¼	30¼
Philip Morris	48¼	48¼
Phillips Pet	28¼	28¼
Pitney Bowes	40¼	40¼
Polaroid	37¼	36¼
Price Co	33	33
Primerica	51	52¼
Procter & Gmbl	49¼	49¼
Pub Serv E & G	34¼	35
Quaker Oats	65¼	65¼
Ralston Purina	45¼	46¼
Raychem Corp	36¼	36¼
Raytheon	59¼	60¼
Reebok Intl	25¼	25¼
Reynolds Metals	50¼	49¼
Roadway Srvcs	61¼	59¼
Rockwell Intl	32	32¼
Rohm & Haas	52¼	52¼
Royal Dutch	90¼	91
Rubbermaid	29¼	29¼
Safeco Corp	59¼	59¼
St Paul's Cos	84¼	85¼
Salomon Inc	39¼	39¼
Santa Fe Pac	17¼	17¼
Sara Lee Corp	23¼	24
Scecorp	24¼	23¼
Schering Plough	66	64¼
Schlumberger	62	62¼
Scott Paper	32¼	32¼
Seagram	25¼	26
Sears Roebuck	49¼	48
Shell Trans	55	55
Sherwin Wllms	30¼	30¼
Skyline Corp	17¼	17¼
Snap-On-Tools	38¼	38¼
Southern Co	42¼	42¼
Sthwestern Bell	40	40¼
Sprint Corp	34¼	33¼
Stanley Works	40¼	41¼
Sun Company	25¼	25¼
Suntrust	45¼	46¼
Supervalu	36	36¼
Syntex Corp	17¼	17¼
Sysco Corp	25¼	25¼
TRW Inc	61¼	62
Tandem Comp	10¼	10¼
Tandy Corp	28¼	28¼
Telecom Corp	3¼	3¼
Teledyne	24¼	25
Temple Inland	43	43¼
Tenneco	50¼	51¼
Texaco	62¼	62¼
Texas Inst	72¼	70¼
Texas Utilities	48	48¼
Textron	52¼	53¼
Time Warner	38	37¼
Times-Mirror	30¼	30¼
Timken	33¼	32¼
Torchmark	55¼	55¼
Toys R Us	34¼	34¼
Transamerica	54¼	54¼
Travelers Corp	31¼	31¼
Tribune	49¼	50¼
Tyco Labs	40¼	40¼
UAL Corp	135¼	133
UST Inc	29¼	29
USX Marathon	16¼	16¼
Unilever NV	97¼	100¼
Union Camp	42¼	42¼
Union Carbide	18¼	18¼
Union Pacific	60¼	60¼
Unisys Corp	11	11¼
USAIR Group	15¼	14¼
USF&G Corp	18¼	18¼
US Life	40¼	41¼
US West	46¼	46¼
United Tech	53¼	52
Unocal Corp	28¼	28¼
Upjohn	29¼	28¼
VF Corp	44¼	43¼
WMX Tech	30¼	30¼
Wal-Mart Stores	25¼	25¼
Warner-Lambert	64¼	65
Wells Fargo	109¼	107¼
Westinghouse El	15¼	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	39	39¼
Whirlpool	61	60¼
Whitman	14¼	14¼
Winn Dixie	58¼	58¼
Woolworth	25¼	25¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33¼	33¼
Xerox	73¼	73¼

MAJOR CHANGES

FALLS:	
Barclays	478p (-14p)
Nat West	491p (-15p)
Tiphook	213p (-17p)
Bass	472p (-12p)
Manpower	929p (-20p)
Amersham	786p (-12p)
Unilever	949p (-17p)
Commercial Union	621p (-10p)
British Aerospace	400p (-18p)
Reed Int	646p (-14p)
Burmah Castrol	705p (-10p)
Liberty Life	963p (-19p)
RISES:	
VSEL	863p (+15p)
Vosper Thorny	629p (+16p)
Wellcome	621p (+17p)
TransAtlantic	321p (+26p)

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Business Post (120)	148	+5
Carpetright (148)	163	-2
Celsis International (100)	101	...
Court Cavendish (225)	197	+12
Crabtree (150)	227	-5
Creston Warrants	7½	...
Devro International (170)	192	...
Eaglet Inv Trust	97	...
Eaglet Inv Warrants	34	...
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Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	17	+½
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Nthrn Ireland Elec (100)	139	+2½

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AVENELL, otherwise AVENALL, JAMES CHARLES AVENELL otherwise JAMES AVENALL late of Great Dunmow, Essex died there on 16 November 1991 (Estate about £10,000).

BULLOCK, STEPHEN ARTHUR BULLOCK otherwise STEPHEN BULLOCK late of Brixton, London SW2 died at Lambeth, London SE1 on 17 May 1992. (Estate about £39,000)

BUNCE née FISHER, LILY ELIZABETH BUNCE née FISHER WIDOW late of Uxbridge, Middlesex died there on 29 November 1992. (Estate about £100,00)

CUSWORTH, LAURA CUSWORTH SPINSTER late of Walworth, London SE17 died there on 24 February 1992. (Estate about £12,000)

DRAKE, LILY DRAKE SPINSTER late of Herongate, Brentwood, Essex died there on 28 January 1992 (Estate about £6,000)

FISHER, HARRY FISHER late of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire died there on 10 February 1993 (Estate about £25,000)

GOODRIDGE, KENNETH JOHN MAWBY GOODRIDGE late of Leicester died there on 30 November 1992. (Estate about £30,00)

HOLMES, ALFRED HOLMES late of Camden, London WC1 died there on 24 April 1991. (Estate about £6,000)

LANE, ALAN THOMAS LANE late of Thornton Heath, Surrey died there on 20 April 1993. (Estate about £130,000)

LANGLEY, DOUGLAS JAMES LANGLEY late of Holloway, London N7 died there on 10 January 1993. (Estate about £21,000)

LOCK née KINSELLA, KATHLEEN LOCK née KINSELA WIDOW late of Brentford, Middlesex died there on 6 February 1992 (Estate about £5,600)

MICZEK, KASIMER MICZEK otherwise CASIMIR MICZEK late of Barnsley, South Yorkshire died there on 23 December 1990. (Estate about £40,000)

SCOTT, JOHN CYRIL SCOTT late of Tooting, London SW17 died there on 22 February 1992. (Estate about £7,500)

TALBY, MARY REBECCA TALBY otherwise MARY TALBY SPINSTER late of Ware, Hertfordshire died there on 11 February 1993 (Estate about £36,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION
CHARITY: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the Draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference DGY 529964 A/1 CD LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

HERITAGE (LEICESTER) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT (a) On 16th July 1993 written resolutions of the shareholders of the above Company were duly passed that a payment of £227,614.43 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from (i) Chase Bank & Trust Company (C.I.) Limited of 168,000 11% "B" Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each, 81,000 Cumulative Redeemable Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 52,000 "A" Ordinary Shares of £1 each and (ii) Esco Nominees Limited of 2,000 "A" Ordinary Shares of £1 each under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985 be authorised.
(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £227,614.43.
(c) The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 12th July 1993 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Heritage Leicester, 469 Aylestone Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE2 8TB, and
(d) Any creditor or shareholder of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 16th July 1993 for an Order prohibiting the payment.
DATED: 16th July 1993

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT
NO.002658 OF 1993
ROCKYCLIFF LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alan Redvers Price of Messrs Casson Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ, was appointed Liquidator of the above company at a meeting of the company's creditors held on 30 June 1993
DATED: 16.7.93
A R Price - Liquidator.

Key Metal Stockholders Limited
In Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 8LF on 2nd August 1993 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co. not later than 12.00 hrs on 30th July 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
K.D. GOODMAN, FCA. Joint Administrative Receiver

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This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above-named Company held on Wednesday 14th July 1993 Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, of 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Company
Dated the 14th July 1993
JOHN WALKER (Chairman)

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 25th day of August, 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, of 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
DATED this 14th day of July 1993
JAMIE TAYLOR, Liquidator.

No. 004778 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
WEDNESDAY THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1993
IN THE MATTER OF LILLESHALL plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th June, 1993 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £4,509,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 1st July, 1993.
DATED this 21st day of July 1993
MACFARLANES
10 Norwich Street
London EC4A 1BD
(Ref: A2L/626924)
Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
DUNFELL LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirley Angela Jackson of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 7th July 1993
Dated this 15th day of July 1993
S A. JACKSON, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

R & A MORRISH LIMITED
(Registered No: 1234898)
The above company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of purchasing its own shares;
The amount of the proposed capital payment is £124,729 and the Special Resolution approving such payment was dated 16th July 1993.
The Statutory Declaration of the directors and the auditors' report are available for inspection at the company's registered office at 100 High Street, Staple Hill, Bristol, BS16 5HL, and
Any creditor of the company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the Special Resolution apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GEARBRIGHT LTD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 August 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Hertfordshire at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
DATED this 30th day of June 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. WILKINSON, Director

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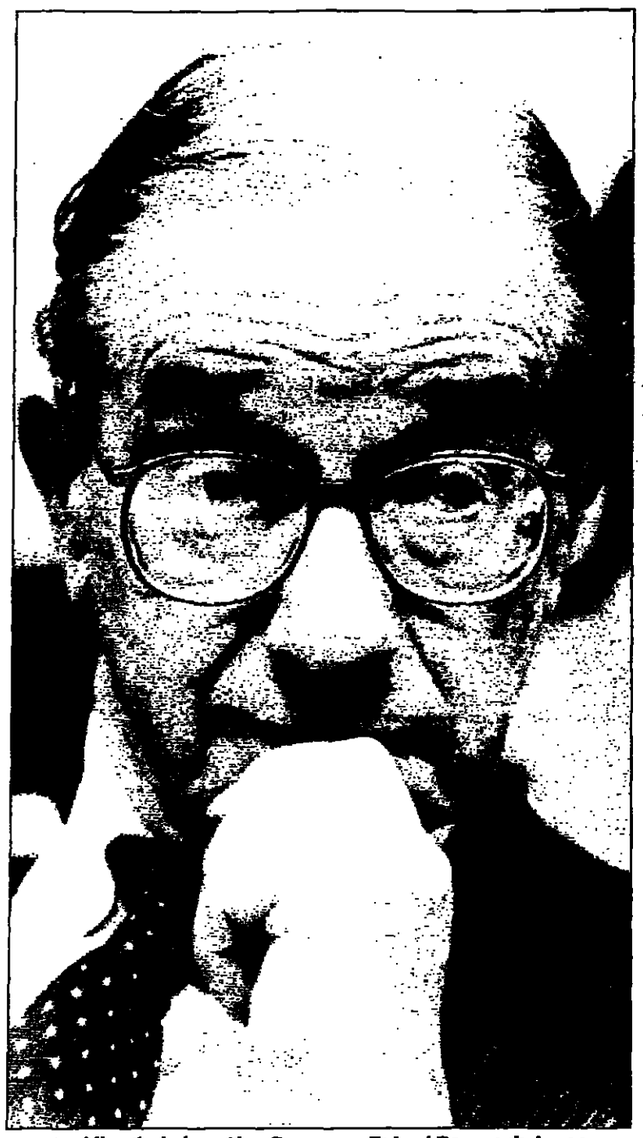
In a world without inflation, who needs central bankers?

Wolfgang Münchau argues that inflation is like the KGB — it provides the bogeyman that keeps the economic Cold War alive

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, must be eternally grateful for not having listened to some of his panic-prone colleagues. Two months ago, after the release of a particularly alarming inflation statistic, some of them spoke out in favour of raising interest rates. Had he listened to them, the American economy would be in even deeper trouble today, but not nearly as deep as the trouble Mr Greenspan himself would have been yesterday in his testimony to Congress.

The knives were already out for the chairman after the Fed settled its internal dispute over rates by deciding to "lean towards" higher rates. This policy was never implemented in practice but turned out to be a wholly inappropriate decision. Not only is the American economy sluggish, the inflation scare turned out to be a false alarm. The credibility of the Fed is now in question and the suspicion on Capitol Hill is, quite understandably, that the Fed does not have a clue where the US economy is headed, although it could have been worse.

This bewilderment is understandable in the light of recent statistics. In April, inflation ran at an annualised rate of 5.1 per cent, if the statistics were to be believed (which they were not). In June, as last week's statistics suggested, there was no inflation at all. The trouble with monthly inflation statistics is that they are meaningless unless they are truly historic, by which time they become useless as a tool for future policy. One could even take this argument to an extreme and say we would be all much better off without any of these misleading figures. If we did not know yesterday's distorted inflation statistics, we would not form expectations that would give rise to future inflation and thus to future distorted inflation statistics.



Avoiding the knives: Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman

Let us assume, for argument's sake, that the June figure was indeed the correct one, and that inflation exists no more. Moreover, let us assume, again for argument's sake, that as a phenomenon inflation has become extinct. We are dealing of course only in the realm of the hypothetical, even though inflation has been coming down worldwide — even in inflation-prone countries such as Britain.

In this hypothetical world, inflation would have become extinct — either because of a paradigm shift, as we decided it mattered no longer and thus abandoned the concept in our minds, or because we have created a device that ensures that general price levels remain constant, even though individual prices can still move freely up and down; we may have created a framework of price and incomes policies, or a system where wages are entirely flexible and pegged solely to performance and productivity; or even (this is one for optimists) because our current anti-inflationary policies finally worked. Whatever the underlying reason, we have not only won the battle against inflation, but the entire war. We have also killed the enemy.

Most of us could live quite comfortably in such a world. For central bankers, this world would be the ultimate nightmare. The peaceniks slogan of the 1960s, "what if there was a war, and nobody came", would take on a new meaning.

In many respects the loss of inflation as our enemy would cause bereavement, especially among those who hated it most. It is akin to the end of the Cold War, which left of whole sections of western life, such as the military which depended on it for its survival, in a state of confusion followed by disintegration.

Without inflation, we would still need central bankers. Not "political" central bankers such as Mr Greenspan or some of his ambitious colleagues in Europe, but merely "operational" people whose job would be to ensure that the money is printed and that it gets where it is needed on time. There would be no such thing as a monetary "policy", with policy being defined as a set of actions to achieve a desired goal, because the goal would be so perfectly obvious as no longer to be a subject for political debate. The supply of money would essentially be determinable by computer. Its growth would be directly proportional to the rise in economic output and it would also have to take account of the varying speeds at which money changes hands.

The victory over inflation could even more traumatic than our triumph in the Cold War. While the western political hardliners of yesteryear are now being remembered as having been right all the time — just witness Henry Kissinger's increasing number of television appearances — the inflation hawks of Frankfurt, London and Paris would merely be remembered as a group of evil men, frequently beyond their country's normal retirement age, who have brought misery to large sections of the country's younger population.

A world without inflation as a theoretical possibility is indeed hypothetical. But a world in which inflation does not matter is not. Historically, inflation, defined as an acute monetary syndrome, whereby too much money chases too few goods, is essentially a 20th century phenomenon. Nor has it progressed throughout this century in a consistent manner. It came and went several times.

The rise in price levels is not solely accounted for by inflation proper but also reflects that our products and services have become more sophisticated over time; or it may reflect a change in values in that we now demand products that we did not demand previously, or that we are now willing to pay a price for something we would not have dreamt of buying in the past, such as frozen ice cubes in the supermarket. This effect, while important, is not easy to measure accurately.

Price rises, caused by such cultural and technological change, are of course reflected in the rate of inflation as measured by the RPI, but they are not inflationary as such. It is for this reason that the Bundesbank long ago adopted the rule that price stability was equivalent to 2 per cent inflation. But this figure, while based on more than just a rule-of-thumb estimate, is not set in stone. It may be 2 per cent, as the Bundesbank suggested, or it could be higher. Or it could have been 2 per cent at one stage and be higher now and rising at an exponential rate.

Even in a real world — one where inflation exists — one can legitimately argue that of all economic problems we face, such as unemployment, low growth, and structural rigidities in many sectors of life, inflation is not a priority problem. Even if one was concerned about resurgent inflation in the future, the massive armoury which some of the hawks in the Fed were trying to mobilise is disproportionate, especially since the enemy is already lying on the ground visibly injured.

Even if there had been a genuine cause for alarm by the US April inflation statistics, an intellectually coherent hawk would have still voted against raising rates on the basis that the money supply growth remained weak. Hawks normally tend to display a quasi-religious attitude towards what they believe in as a long-term relationship between the growth in the supply of money, defined in one of several ways, and the rate of inflation. Of course, the perception of high inflation now may breed the reality of high inflation in the future, and this is indeed a cause for concern. But if in doubt, the monetary aggregates would reign supreme in the minds of an intellectually coherent hawk.

Much of the central bankers' anti-inflationary zeal throughout the 1980s can be interpreted as sheer propaganda and aggrandisement. The brutal fact is the higher the rate of inflation, the more important the central bankers' power, especially if they are independent. They need inflation in just the same way as John Le Carre needed the KGB. For them, the fight against inflation is not a fight worth winning, but a fight worth fighting.

Moving House

FEW companies in the world are viewed with more suspicion and cynicism in the City than House of Fraser. The endless public battles between the Fayed brothers and Tiny Rowland have left such deep scars on the group's credibility that SG Warburg has taken on a Herculean task in dressing the non-Harrods chains up for market.

Warburg has no illusions about the job and has made an early start in polishing House of Fraser's image. Brian McGowan was a highly effective front man for Williams and is trusted by the institutions. The immediate resignation of Ali Fayed from House of Fraser Stores, and the company's early commitment to float 100 per cent of its equity, show how eager it is to prove to investors that House of Fraser will be liberated from its past.

The Fayeds may not be overjoyed to float all of House of Fraser Stores but they have little choice. There is the small matter of estimated borrowings of £650 million in their group, while the state of the property market means they can no longer sell stores to meet debt repayments. Trade buyers for a retailing operation this size do not exist and an attempted management buyout was unable to pay enough.

A flotation is the only chance the Fayeds have of achieving the price they need, and they will be able to load some of the group debt onto the floated company into the bargain. With assets of £350 million before borrowings, House of Fraser Stores is likely to come to the market with around £100 million in debt, and could still be capitalised at up to £400 million. A flotation next spring will give the retail sales figures time to improve further, and by then retailing stocks may be in better demand.

The City has eagerly subscribed to less attractive issues in the past, and the well-oiled Warburg machine will work overtime on dispelling doubts about House of Fraser Stores' finances.

But it will be a long, uphill battle.

SB

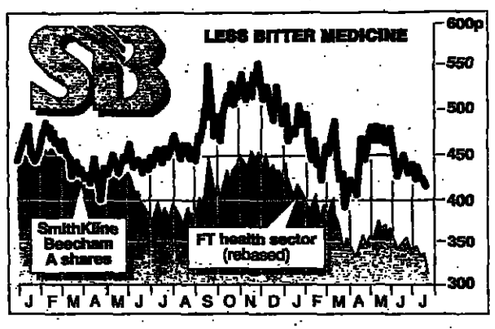
SMITHKLINE Beecham is emerging as the least sickly member of an unhealthy drugs sector. Unlike most of its peers, it has lost neither a chief executive nor one of its major products in the past six months, while sales of new drugs are meeting expectations.

As a result, the shares have outperformed the sector strongly since the start of the year, but this has only served to reduce their previous discount. The shares trade on 15 times historic earnings, only a modest premium to Glaxo.

Along with a good spread of therapeutic products, SB already has a sizeable presence on the over-the-counter market, which is the envy of other groups debating the merits of OTC products or scrambling for an acquisition to bring the necessary critical mass for consumer marketing.

The OTC business will be enhanced next year by revenue from Tagamet, SB's anti-ulcer drug, which will shortly be sold without prescription to treat short-term relief of simple acid indigestion, albeit at a considerable marketing cost.

With its large American shareholder base, SB looks to be well placed to benefit from any general realisation that the American health reforms may not be as draconian as first thought. That realisation may take time, however. The deadline for the Hillary Clinton team to report has been extended from May, to June then to July and now to September.



Citicorp

THE threefold rise in Citicorp's second-quarter profits to $446 million confirms that the recovery of America's largest bank is nearly complete. Only a year ago, the group was perilously short of capital while bad debts were still rising. Today the core capital ratio has risen to a comfortable 5.7 per cent, and even the group's gargantuan portfolio of bad property loans is shrinking.

Citicorp's recovery has as much to do with benign economic conditions as sound management. Any bank should prosper with low interest rates and a yield curve in the bond market steep enough to provide a stream of guaranteed profits. The volatility of foreign exchange and bond markets has also provided a source of low-risk revenue.

The rapid turnround in Citicorp's fortunes, and the trebling in the share price since the end of 1991, nevertheless demonstrate the underlying power of the world's largest banks. It would be hard to find an institution that made as many expensive errors as Citicorp in the 1980s, including its foray into the London equity market. On the basis of Citicorp's rapid rejuvenation, the turnround at Barclays and NatWest may be speedier than the City expects.

Money supply

THE failure of M4 money supply data to bear witness to Britain's economic recovery is frustrating for many economists who regard it as a prime leading indicator. Yesterday's 0.2 per cent fall in M4 growth and the sluggish £700 million rise in lending were not hallmarks of a country emerging from a long recession. M4 growth has fallen to an annual 3.3 per cent, where it was in February.

The figures are, however, thoroughly misleading. Growth in M4 was restrained by a PSBR lower than expected and corporate activity took its toll, with ICI using much of the proceeds from Zeneca's £1.3 billion rights issue to repay debt.

The underlying growth of M4 lending is probably nearer £2.5 billion a month. Even this is hardly spectacular, but both companies and consumers have been taking advantage of lower interest rates to reduce their debts this year, while banks' tougher credit controls are restraining lending growth.

The position may turn round sharply in the second half. The succession of debt-reducing rights issues is coming to a close and companies will soon be calling on their banks to finance additional working capital. The sharp rise in credit card borrowing last month, almost three times higher than a year ago, suggests consumers are also starting to regain confidence. By the time Kenneth Clarke delivers his autumn Budget, there is every chance he will be wondering how to restrain growth in money supply, rather than encourage it.

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Sassoon left to reflect

SG WARBURG, the Treasury's adviser during the £5 billion BT3 sell-off, held a Hollywood-style presentation ceremony to celebrate the end of months of hard work at the close of the first day's trading. Top prize winner was Warburg director James Sassoon who won the award for appearing most often in public and being the most publicity conscious member of the team. The award, presented by Master of Ceremonies Jeremy Simpson, a senior Warburg manager, was a mirror to hang in his office and a BT3 T-shirt. Mr Sassoon was not impressed and responded robustly, adding: "I will get you for this". Mr Simpson was unfazed his comments, responding "No acceptance speeches I am afraid James." Harry Bush, assistant secretary to the Treasury won an award for claiming to have invented share shops, a claim also made by SG Warburg. However, the highlight of the evening came when Robin Wight, chairman of advertising agency WCRS, which produced the dire Inspector Morose ad campaign won the Paul Gasgoine award for composure after flying into a rage when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, let slip that he had never seen the ads, and sending a television set, video and cassette of all ten ads to number 11 Downing Street.

Question time

BUSINESS changes at the *Daily Mirror* — and especially the heavy count of redundancies throughout the group since Robert Maxwell died and the banks moved in — will come under parliamentary scrutiny today when the Commons' all-party employment committee grills David Montgomery, Mirror Group Newspapers' chief executive — with the added spice of taking further evidence from the GPMU print union and the National Union of Journalists. Mr Montgomery's famously cool detachment is unlikely to rub along easily with the equally famous aggression of the committee's chairman, Greville Janner, who has put senior business, government and union figures including Howard Davies of the CBI, Iain Vallance of BT and Nick Monck, permanent secretary at the employment department, through the wringer in a long-running inquiry into management of redundancies. Bringing in the print unions echoes a technique Janner deployed to great effect when he managed to get evidence from both sides in the Timex dispute before the US company announced it would close its dispute-hit Dundee factory at the end of the year. Mr Montgomery will be hoping that sets no precedent: Timex's UK president "resigned" a few weeks after wriggling under the heat of Janner's questions.



Floored by doors

WHILE the lavish interior of the European Bank's Broadgate HQ prompted an outcry among the media and politicians, for the people who work there, it is just a workplace. And with such familiarity have come nicknames for parts of the building. Standing in the foyer, a recent visitor heard a porter call to the reception desk to "open the Berlin Wall". And lo, what had appeared a solid block of Carrara marble, slid aside, like something in an Indiana Jones movie. On closer inspection, it proved to be man-made material — probably the only fake marble on the premises.

Basking shark

ROLLS-ROYCE was yesterday basking quietly in the glory of Greg Norman's success in the British Open. Although no-one mentioned how relaxed he was after battling through the traffic jams around Sandwich, R-R executives were happy to take the credit for loaning the golfer one of their cars for the week. "It was a happy marriage of two excellent performers," one executive said. "Maybe travelling in one of our cars helped with the relaxation he needed to carry off a marvellous victory."

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Sunday shopping and the individual

From Mr C. D. Bieber

Sir, I am wondering what mandate the Consumers' Association has for lobbying for complete deregulation of Sunday trading. Have members been consulted? This one hasn't. Neither have the 700,000 or so other subscribers of *Which?* magazine. And, in any event, do the rights of consumers take precedence over all else? Apparently, millions have voted with their feet and shop on Sundays. On the other hand, millions have not.

And what about the rights of employees (who are also consumers)? I know of one major company at least, that has obliged surviving employees of a massive redundancy programme, to sign new contracts agreeing to work on Sundays, if and when it becomes legal, with the threat that if they do not sign, they may wish to consider the option of resigning (ie join their colleagues on the dole).

Of course, everyone should have freedom of choice, so we are told; but should the choice of some, ruin the lives and the peaceful enjoyment of Sundays for others? After all, I may choose to mow my lawn at 7 am on Sunday mornings, accompanied by my tape of Handel's *Messiah*. Is the Consumers' Association in favour of that? Or the freedom of night flights to and from Heathrow Airport, just because passengers and airlines prefer it that way?

Yes, the law needs changing and I hope my MP votes against total deregulation. Other people, no doubt, will be in favour. That will be their individual preference. As for the Consumers' Association, on this matter at least, I suggest it represent no one except its council.

Yours faithfully,
C. D. BIEBER,
2 Steynings Way,
London, N12.

Why the Japanese think made in Japan is best

From Mr John T. Warburton

Sir, I see that President Clinton is convinced that his new agreements arising from G7 are going to correct the imbalance of trade between the United States and Japan. How little study his advisers have put into the situation.

During my visits to Japan it became very apparent to me, from the comments of many Japanese friends, that it would be very difficult to convince the average purchaser in Tokyo of the superiority of any goods not made in Japan, plus the fact that they felt that not to generate employment for Japanese workers was tantamount to a treasonable activity.

Maybe this is the source of the economic strength of Japan — have a strong home market to base your exports and concentrate your purchases in foreign exchange to minority luxuries such as Scotch and Jaguars.

Thus you serve two major objectives, you maintain an excellent balance of payments position and you minimise your social security payments in unemployment pay.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN T. WARBURTON,
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Property upturn bypasses Docklands

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ Although the high-level politics surrounding London's Docklands are slowly coming right the evidence for improvement in the underlying market is patchy

THE property investment market is experiencing a mini-boom, with about £7 billion of funds from companies and institutions looking for a home. Canary Wharf, however, the Docklands office city whose rise and fall tracked the 1980s development boom and bust, is a reminder that the property market is driven by tenants rather than investors.

While buyers scramble to pick up well let properties, driving prices higher, Canary Wharf is waiting for a real recovery, when companies will be driven to Docklands by shortage of space in the City.

Ernst & Young, administrators to the Canary Wharf companies, are trying to piece together a jigsaw involving the courts, the unsecured creditors, the banks, London Transport and the government. The promised Underground link, which last month received a setback when the government would not give the banks a guarantee that the Jubilee Line would arrive at Canary Wharf station on schedule, is one part of the puzzle. Another is that the banks need to have a new Canary Wharf company up and running and out of administration before they can provide their initial £100 million contribution to the transport link.

Property industry observers believe the banks and the government have come to a compromise over the building guarantee and the administrators are to take steps soon to transfer Canary Wharf into a new company. An initial application to the courts will be followed by meetings with creditors, a further court hearing and a 28-day delay before the administration is lifted.

If the high-level politics surrounding Docklands are slowly coming right, the evidence for improvement in the underlying market is patchy. Canary Wharf has secured no new lettings and rental levels in Docklands have hardly budged from £10 a sq ft for the past six months. Surveyors report interest after the opening of the Limehouse Link road but this has yet to be converted into lettings. With 40 per cent of the project let, the administrators are reckoned to have enough income to cover basic costs, enabling them to hold on until the market improves or a deal is struck on the Underground link. Canary Wharf's vacant buildings are being kept in their shell state, which may enable the development to avoid liability for rates.

To make Canary Wharf work for Barclays, Lloyds and the nine other banks that have invested £500 million in the project, occupiers are needed for more than 2.5 million sq ft, at rents well above the current Docklands norm. Only two years ago, Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's developer, was offering massive cash incentives to occupiers, including £20 million for *The Daily Telegraph*. It also took over the leases on tenants' former premises. Today, the cash is no longer available. Local agents believe the administrators have raised their sights.

"People have been going down to Docklands, hoping to do the deal of the decade at Canary Wharf and have come back surprised," said Rod Parker at Knight Frank and Rutley. "I don't believe they would do a deal at less than £25 per sq ft with two years rent-free. They would fit it out but there would be no cash incentives or take-backs."

While the bankers hang on for a letting market pick-up, the investment market has been roaring ahead. The irony is that the value of a fully let office City in Docklands could be rising. Knight Frank & Rutley reckons that investment yields in the area have come down from 12½ per cent to 11½ per cent; tax shelter investments generally fetch below 9 per cent. The administrators have been anxious to ensure that Canary Wharf's tax advantages have been preserved for future owners, a factor that ought to boost its value if a buyer could be found with sufficient tax capacity to take advantage of capital allowances available. These are thought to run into hundreds of millions. In the meantime, the search for tenants takes priority.



Still waiting: increasing interest in Canary Wharf has not been converted into tenants; only 40 per cent is occupied

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Cloudy future for van maker that looked to the past

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE company that made replica Twenties-style vans for such famous names as Harrods and Coca-Cola has been "put into mothballs" by its directors after failing to weather the recession.

Fleur De Lys has been trading for more than ten years, winning numerous design and export awards with sales to 24 countries.

However, the depression in Germany, the company's main continental market, and Japan has forced the business to suspend activities from September 30. The suspension includes Evante, the small sports car manufacturer acquired by Fleur De Lys.

Both companies are based at Newark, Nottinghamshire, but with orders dwindling and no end in sight to the downturn in demand from Germany and Japan, the directors decided to act now, paying off all debts, completing the order book and giving the 36-strong workforce time to find other jobs. Executives are still hoping, however, to find a partner or new orders that could stave off the suspension.

Kyri Kyriacou, joint managing director, said yesterday: "While I have no doubt that the market for reproduction vehicles and our hand-built sportscar will return, maintaining our facilities through this enduring economic recession has proved a burden."

Fleur De Lys prospered by tapping into the fast-growing market for nostalgia, building bespoke 1920s coachwork onto the chassis of Ford Transits. To the eye, the van was a classic but underneath were modern mechanicals and diesel engine, which made the vehicles ideal for eye-catching delivery services yet offered the reliability that a real classic vehicle could not.

Harrods was among the first to order a vehicle but were quickly followed by some of the world's most famous brand names such as Kellogg's and even McDonalds, which wanted a vehicle for a burger bar in Germany.

Fleur De Lys thought it was over the worst as the British economy started to improve, but discovered that its best customers in Japan and Germany were starting to hold back as recession spread around the world.

Der Spiegel wins VW spy ruling

FROM REUTER IN HAMBURG

SHARES in Volkswagen fell sharply on the Frankfurt stock exchange yesterday after a Hamburg state court ruled that *Der Spiegel* magazine could repeat its claim that José Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua, head of purchasing and production at Volkswagen, stole documents from General Motors, his former employer.

The court upheld an appeal by the influential weekly against an injunction obtained by Volkswagen barring it from repeating the claim that Señor Lopez had engaged in industrial espionage at General Motors before moving to Volkswagen.

Lifting the gagging order, the court said the magazine had not gone beyond the limits allowing the press to report an admissible suspicion. Shares in the car maker, which had already been falling in anticipation of the ruling, fell DM6.80 to DM351.

The ruling allows *Der Spiegel* to repeat allegations made in a May 24 cover story that Señor Lopez and fellow General Motors employees had "systematically gathered secret documents for months".

Volkswagen declined to make an immediate comment on the court decision. The court did not give a ruling on the substance of the magazine's allegations, but Peter Boelke, *Der Spiegel*'s economic editor, said the decision proved that its reporting was accurate.

"It shows that our report was right. The court confirmed that *Der Spiegel* may continue to raise the serious suspicion of industrial espionage," Herr Boelke said.

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Mercury set for 25% of UK market

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY, the Cable and Wireless telecommunications subsidiary, claims to have 10.5 per cent of the United Kingdom telecommunications market and says that the company's share is growing at a rate of about two percentage points a year.

Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman of Cable and Wireless, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that Mercury would account for 25 per cent of the market by the end of the decade if the present rate of growth continued.

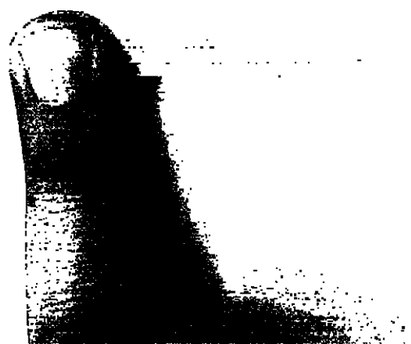
Mercury was adding 1,500 new customers every working day, he said. Lord Young added that the company had made an encouraging start to the current year and core businesses were growing strongly.

The sale of 20 per cent of its Mercury unit during the year for £480 million, and improved cash controls, meant C&W's gearing was low at 13.2 per cent, leaving the balance sheet well prepared "for any future expansion".

The telecommunications group said that its Hong Kong operations continued to benefit from strong economic growth in southern China and price cuts that it was introducing in Hong Kong should make it the cheapest place in the world to make international calls.

"As a result we should continue to see Hong Kong grow as a regional hub and we continue to aim for double digit growth in our earnings," Lord Young said.

Negotiations for new franchises being developed in Australia, Bulgaria and Minsk, Belorussia, were beginning to show promise.



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Shares drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 19. Dealings end July 30. §Contango day August 2. Settlement day August 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nat	405	-6	11.5	3.6	15.5
263	179	Allied Irish	256	...	...	4.4	13.1
183	130	ANZ New Z	178	...	...	5.1	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2993½	...	...	...	...
236	177	Bk of Ireland	232	...	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	-3	...	5.8	17.1
159	116½	Bank Scotland	156	...	17.0	6.2	...
496	362	Barclays	478	...	4.5	3.7	31.1
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	-14	...	4.0	...
21	15½	Carlisle	21	+½	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	497	+3	27.0	6.8	∞
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
2459½	1787½	Chase Manh	2175 †	-9½	...	...	...
2137½	1343½	Citicorp	2125 †	-12½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	354	+4	...	3.4	15.8
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£125½	-87½	...	3.2	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-262½	...	2.1	...
85	45	First Nat Fin	70	-3	...	...	...
1555	876	Fuji Bank Y	1509	-45	...	0.3	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	429	+2	21.5	6.3	11.4
671½	490	HSBC	631	-18	19.0	3.8	15.1
651	474	HSBC HK	617	-12	19.0	3.8	14.8
356	243	Hambros	342	...	14.0	5.1	15.8
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	16.6	6.0	∞
156	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	405	-1	18.0	4.9	14.0
590	492	Lloyds	579	-9	18.4	4.0	16.6
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
474	322	Nat Aust Bk	459	...	...	4.4	15.9
507	398	Nat West	491	-15	17.5	4.5	28.8
397	270	Provident	378	...	11.4	3.6	16.4
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	298	-7	8.8	3.7	...
988	467½	Schroders	988	+5	...	1.4	19.7
852	576	Stand Chart	835	-15	20.0	3.0	...
204	145½	TSB	199	-4½	6.4	4.1	...
152	78	Union Disc	151	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	729	+1	...	3.3	18.4
256	185	-do- 6% 'A'	254	...	...	3.0	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7125	-118½	...	1.5	...
184	121	Westpac	180	...	...	4.2	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	548	+3	...	4.8	14.8
647	441	Bass	472	-12	18.9	5.0	10.3
299	189	Boddington	264	-2	7.3	3.3	15.4
420	362	Bulmer (HP)	418	...	10.1	3.1	∞
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	135 †	...	4.7	4.4	∞
372	261	Devenish (JA)	360	...	7.8	2.7	20.3
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	104	+5	...	3.9	27.5
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	54½	+1	...	5.0	7.6
400	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	390 †	...	7.4	2.4	∞
480	383	Grand Met	398 †	-7	12.3	3.9	13.1
427	347	Greenalls Grp	347	-1	11.7	4.2	11.5
563	505	Greene King	541 †	...	12.3	2.8	∞
516	440	Guinness	454	-1	...	3.3	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hanson	273	...	7.9	3.6	15.2
125	105	Heavitree▲	112	+7	3.0	3.4	26.7
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	92	+10	3.0	4.2	21.0
342	255	Highland Dist	326	+1	6.0	2.3	21.7
3138	2538	Holt J	3113	...	41.0	1.6	20.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	274	...	...	3.2	15.6
186	157	Macallan-Glen	166	...	0.9	0.7	37.3
465	375	Marstn Marsh 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
855	655	Mansfield	783	+5	15.4	2.5	∞
283	231	Mrston Thmp	277	-6	8.4	2.4	∞
418	328½	Matthew Clark	415	...	...	5.2	∞
300	253	Mrnydwn W	285	...	...	2.7	20.6
545	455	Morland	539	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount▲	8	...	...	2.1	14.2
165	145	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
950	753	SA Breweries	922	-8	...	1.8	15.4
482½	408	Scot & New	440 †	-5	...	4.8	13.4
225	181	Taunton Cider	211	...	6.0	3.6	∞
248	213	Vaux Group	232	-4	9.3	5.0	16.0
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	275	-3	...	2.2	22.2
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	502	+8	...	4.4	13.5
1180	850	-do- 'B'	998	...	...	...	...
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	496	-5	11.4	2.9	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton▲	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen▲	113	...	...	3.5	25.6
99	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	155	Ashtead▲	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Attwoods	116	+1	5.0	5.4	16.8
340	180	BPB Ind	216	...	...	4.3	37.2
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	98	...	1.2	1.6	17.8
158	94	Barratt Devs	142	+1	2.0	1.8	15.8
412	305	Bellway	377	...	...	4.0	21.8
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	396 †	...	6.0	1.9	∞
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
265	189	Blue Circle	245	-2	...	5.7	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	88	...	4.6	6.5	21.3
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fixings	75	-1	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	127	-1	4.8	4.7	27.2
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
254	205	CRH	248	+2	...	3.4	17.0
33	21	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
42	27	Costain	34	...	...	...	...
138	80½	Countryside	132 †	...	...	3.9	34.9
70	38	Crest Nicholson	60	...	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	93	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	16	+1	0.5	3.9	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group▲	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	45	...	2.0	5.8	21.1
6½	3½	Expamet▲	...	...	...	...	...
140	67	Freeman Gp▲	136	-1	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	15.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120½	...	...	3.4	27.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	2.5	33.4
305	180	Heywd Wim	304	...	12.5	5.1	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	98	...	2.5	3.6	...
35	26	Hoe Gp	26	-7	...	7.2	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	267	...	9.0	4.3	10.7
83	55	Ln Clydeside▲	79	...	4.5	7.1	29.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½	...	...	...	7.9
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	93	Marley	140	+1	4.2	3.8	41.1
95	61	Marshalls	81	...	...	6.2	52.8
175	122	Maunders (J)	154	...	2.9	4.0	14.1
214	96	McAlpine (A)	201	-2	6.5	4.0	34.8
45	23	McCarthy & S	27	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	351	...	...	3.6	35.1
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	102	...	4.0	4.9	...
96	51	NSM	86	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	151	...	...	6.6	22.2
300	197	Persimmon	284	-3	8.6	4.1	26.9
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	111	...	3.4	3.8	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti▲	3½	...	...	...	...
781	555	RMC Gp	775	-4	...	3.2	30.5
117	75½	Raine Ind	78	-4	6.0	9.6	13.0
36	20	Ramus▲	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	480	-1	25.0	6.5	27.9
79	64	Ruskel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	260	...	6.4	3.1	19.9
42	33	Scylla-Rvl▲	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
177	66½	Sheffield Insl	175	...	...	3.0	42.9
123	62	Sheriff Hldgs▲	123	...	...	2.0	18.3
95	66	Shorco▲	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	200	...	8.5	5.3	9.1
6½	2½	Starmin	4	+½	0.3	9.4	∞
142	103	Tarmac	122	-1	5.5	5.4	...
194	137	Tay Homes	158	...	5.8	4.6	10.1
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	110	-3	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	583	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
38	19	Torex Hirex▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	219	+3	8.0	4.6	38.6
40	30	Try Group	31	...	1.0	4.0	8.8
28	26	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	61	...	2.5	5.2	21.5
65	20	Ward Hldgs	41	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	-1	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol▲	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	6½	West Scaffold▲	2½	-1	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	397	-1	8.7	2.7	22.2
205	147	Wilson (C)	162	+1	3.9	3.0	28.1
187	104	Wimpey G	169	+3	...	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	40	...	4.0	...	4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	603	...	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	205 †	...	12.0	7.3	...
92	56	Air London▲	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Asso Sec	157 †	-3	...	4.2	28.1
119	84	BET Ord	117	-1	...	3.5	4.7
92	43	BNB Res	90	...	4.9	6.8	...
318	258	BPP	298	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
385	200	Barbour Index	380 †	...	8.0	5.0	∞
22	15	Bousead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	239	+1	...	2.1	19.9
36	11	Broadcastle▲	34	...	...	...	19.1
73	54	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
106	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	175	-1	...	1.5	27.3
45	31	Castles Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50½	...	...	...	...
51	36	Christie	45	+2	...	...	...
330	228	Chubb Sec	304	-4	...	2.0	18.9
96	18	Comax▲	78	-1	...	2.4	19.5
30	6½	Corp Services	25	...	...	...	...
52	30	Coutts Cnslg	49	...	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	87 †	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	222	+2	...	4.5	16.7
104	85	EW Facs▲	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
26	11	Gardiner	25½	...	.06	...	17.5
240	215	Hays	225	-6	4.6	2.6	22.1
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	211	-1	...	3.9	15.4
70	30	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.5
190	155	Hutch Whamp	169	-3	...	2.8	∞
1975	975	ISS B DKr	1825	-37½	...	5.8	2.4
637	522	Inchcape	584½	-1½	...	3.3	18.2
663	660	Johnson Clean	638	...	25.7	3.8	18.3
12	3½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	233	...	...	2.7	1.5
1187	800	Manpower	929	-20	...	...	...
50	40½	Michael Page	50	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
270	192	Pennat▲	192	...	...	6.5	7.2
4½	2	Prime People▲	3	...	...	...	...
142	80	Providion Alex	103	-3	...	14.6	5.7
423	345	RCO	345	-5	12.8	5.1	11.7
118	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Reed Executive	89	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Sec▲	117	-13	...	5.0	∞
238	178	Rentokil	190	-2	2.3	1.5	24.8
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
360	540	Salvesen (C)	340	-5	...	2.9	18.7
35	25	Scott Pickford▲	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
343	304	Securiguard	338	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt▲	5½	...	...	...	...
995	605	Serco Gp	990	...	14.0	1.8	27.4
262	220	Shirrad Comp▲	221	...	...	4.0	6.5
130	90	Stretchley	93	...	...	4.0	21.3
395	310	Warner Hoiard	314	...	6.5	2.6	16.4
45	27	Weipac	37	-1	...	...	...
25	14	Wills Gp	24	...	...	0.5	32.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
268	210	Allied Colloids	232	...	...	2.3	20.1
838	613	Amersham	786	-12	...	2.1	27.2
3	2	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£102½	8325	BASF DM	£102	-40½	...	3.2	...
253	199	BTP	261	-2	...	4.5	18.0
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£116½	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
175	134	Blagden	149	...	...	9.2	9.2
165	93	Brent Chems	101	...	...	...	...
330	365	Br Bio-Tech	370	...	...	12.8	36.1
29	12½	Camd Gp	13	...	7.2	7.0	14.8
153	108	Canning (W)	150	...	...	3.4	13.7
608	506	Courtaulds	514	-2	...	3.5	18.2
295	228	Croda	278	-9	4.6	4.1	10.7
187	120	Doeflex	138	+3	7.8	4.2	∞
219	175	Ellis & Everard	213	...	0.8	3.2	19.3
37½	15½	Euro Colour	31½	...	...	2.4	15.5
309	259	Halstead (J)	309	+4	...	4.5	20.6
241	198	Hickson	232	+1	...	3.2	...
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£109	-150	...	2.3	18.7
225	195	Holliday Chem	203	...	...	...	...
730	608	ICI	641	-1	...	5.4	...
588	576	Laporte	578	-17	19.5	4.2	15.9
223	181	Leigh	192	+2	...	5.2	18.0
97½	35	MTM	46	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1737½	...	...	1.7	24.7
450	370	Pauls'n Zoch	450	+1	11.4	3.2	19.4
400	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.6	17.3
296	228	Plysu	239	+3	...	3.7	15.6
243	175	Porvair	242	...	3.6	1.9	25.9
14	7	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	-½	...	...	...
475	417	Wardle Storeys	419	...	16.0	4.8	16.8
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	475	...	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	353	Yorks Chem	353	-5	...	2.7	18.9
306	240	Yule Catto	247	-1	5.9	3.0	15.1
637	602½	Zeneca	604	-9	...	5.7	38.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	59½	Alexon	83 †	...	...	8.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	65	...	3.1	6.0	17.8
326½	257	Argos Plc	314	+3	...	2.8	26.9
25	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	104	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	290 †	...	5.1	2.2	20.1
134	94	Austin Reed	121	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	...	5.2	14.4
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	206	Betterware	254	-4	...	1.0	30.4
35	22	Blacks Leis	30	...	2.2	9.9	∞
222	133	Body Shop	217	+3	...	1.0	28.0
19½	11½	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	7.1
401	318	Brown (N)	376	...	...	2.3	22.1
87½	64½	Burton	78½	-2	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	2.4	18.7
360	295	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	31.0
183	97	Clinton Cards	143	...	4.2	3.7	17.2
248	232	Coats Viyella	234	-1	...	3.9	27.6
112	78	Colourvision▲	105	...	5.6	6.9	∞
664	374	Courts Furnish	664	+3	5.5	1.0	∞
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
120	89	Dairy Farm Intl	111	-1	...	3.0	17.6
78½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	75½	...	1.0	1.7	24.2
281	180	Dixons Grp	199 †	+3	...	3.9	...
413	320	Dunhill	367	...	8.1	2.8	14.3
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	4.0	17.1
141	71	Essex Furn	140	...	...	2.5	23.7
254	208	Etam	254	+4	6.9	3.4	23.3
397	499	Fine Art Dev	386	-1	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	538	...	12.5	2.9	11.3
108	24	French Conn▲	107	...	...	...	...
65	43	Gent SR	56	...	2.0	4.5	16.4
39	23	Goldsmiths Gp	35	...	0.3	0.7	...
3600	2400	GUS	3490	...	...	1.6	27.3
1970	1563	-do- 'A'	1965	+6	...	2.8	15.3
48	31	Hampden Grp▲	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hartstone	45	-1	2.8	7.8	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	22½	+1	2.0	11.2	10.6
60	29	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
64	35	Honeysuckle▲	61	...	...	1.0	8.6
114	83	Jacques Vert	114	+1	3.0	3.3	∞
619	496	Kingfisher	588	-7	...	2.9	19.3
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	630	...	7.2	1.4	74.2
320	249	Lloyds Chem	252	-3	5.5	2.7	8.9
152	120	MFI	125	-1	...	3.8	25.7
366	311	Marks Spencer	329½	-5½	...	3.1	18.1
507	445	Menzies (John)	497	+3	...	2.8	12.1
224	135	Moss Bros	224	...	5.5	3.1	26.3
178½	139½	Next	171½	-1½	2.5	1.8	20.5
40	15	Oliver (G)	35	-1	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	270	...	...	4.6	∞
63	45	Pentos	49½	...	1.5	4.0	9.7
313	229	QS Hldgs	229	-1	5.1	2.8	16.3
41½	11	Ratners Group	30½	-1	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	31	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	...	...	2.2	13.2
108	93	Sears	95½	-½	...	4.6	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	442	-5	13.4	3.8	15.6
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	192	-2	...	3.3	24.8
191	148	T & S Stores	155	-3	5.9	4.8	11.5
135	71	Tie Rack	130	...	1.0	1.0	21.3
220	160	Time Products	208	-2	7.5	4.6	17.5
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	98	...	...	2.6	7.7
45	27	Viyar	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	-1	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	184	-1	...	2.7	24.3
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
170½	134	ACT Group	160 †	...	...	3.9	16.1
240	223	Acal▲	233	...	...	3.4	∞
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	87	-1	...	...	44.1
480	385	Admiral	440	...	5.4	1.5	18.6
143	101	Alba	140	+2	...	4.5	17.1
48	19½	Alphameric	37	-2	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	31½	...	0.4	...	...
128	68	App Holo▲	68	-1	...	...	...
36	13	Arden	34	+3	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	67½	...	...	...	1.0
288	250	Beales Hunter	257	...	9.2	4.5	13.6
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	6	...	...	...	...
412	319	BICC	406	-2	19.2	5.9	27.5
575	450	Brick	450	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland▲	1350	...	...	...	...
339	274	Bowthorpe	330	-2	6.3	2.4	21.5
449½	376	BT	413½	...	...	4.8	19.1
172	150	BT P/P	168½	+½	...	4.6	20.2
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	...
160	110	Burnfield	141	...	5.7	5.1	22.3
786	669	Cable Wireless	759 †	-5	...	2.4	24.4
27½	11½	Chloride	18½	-1½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro▲	251	...	...	2.3	18.2
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	152	...	...	1.2	15.2
381	243	Critchley	380	...	...	2.0	∞
549	414	Delta	527	-7	...	3.3	21.7
340	286	Dennison Ele▲	340	+1	...	2.2	14.5
620	419	Domino	426 †	...	7.2	2.1	14.5
63	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Dorvik▲	1018	...	10.0	1.2	...
419	358	Electrocomps	415 †	-2	...	2.4	16.9
580	470	El Data Prc	555	...	...	5.1	15.2
106	43	Electron House	105	...	...	2.6	3.1
30½	10½	Emess	23½	...	...	0.1	0.5
598	442	Eurotherm	555	-3	...	8.0	1.8
147	108	FKI	145	...	...	3.0	2.6
430	340	Farnell Elect	425	-4	...	1.8	22.5
73	33	Feedback▲	73	...	...	2.6	9.5
18	9½	Ferranti	10½	...	...	...	...
235	101	First Tech	230	+3	...	...	...
270	21	Forward Gp▲	269	...	...	1.5	24.3
35	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
343	264	GEC	324	-2	...	4.0	16.4
182	132	Gresby	175	-2	...	7.9	36.4
11½	7½	Graystone	8	...	...	...	...
50	36	Hickson▲	38	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM▲	149	...	...	2.6	10.7
388	330	Jones Stroud	378	-5	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	16½	...	0.1	1.2	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	301 †	...	5.8	2.4	∞
216	47	Kewill Syss	199	-3	...	...	...
237	200	Kode	188	+1	5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	40	...	...	...	...
365	122	LDH▲	247	+2	...	0.4	∞
300	260	Lec Refrig	223	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	141	-1	3.5	3.1	15.3
269	164	Logica	244	-1	3.6	1.9	28.8
54	44	LPA Inds▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	179	+1	4.3	3.0	17.1
683	523	Macro 4	673	+1	...	2.4	22.6
630	527	Memtec-Sw▲	575	...	...	2.0	18.9
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1860	-10	...	...	17.1
227	154	Microgen	154 †	...	7.2	5.9	10.5
34½	25½	Microvitec▲	26½	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
437	98	Mitel	407	+4	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	121	...	...	3.6	15.4
38	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	105	Muirhead Elect	105 †	-1	3.5	4.2	∞
185	116	Murray Enter	185	...	1.8	1.3	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6037½	-62½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135 †	-1	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
158	58	Norbain▲	157	...	...	1.2	∞
75	30	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
268	195	Oxford Inst	261	...	4.5	2.2	17.7
83	48	P-E Internt	72	...	1.0	1.7	...
81½	29	P & P	66	-1	1.4	2.7	34.6
80	58	Pack	71	+1	3.4	6.0	18.5
190	115	Pegasus▲	167	...	...	4.8	42.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lnrp NV	1087½	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink▲	246	...	...	...	...
490	343	Pifco	480	+5	7.7	2.0	41.5
465	303	-do- 'A' Voting	465	+5	7.7	2.1	39.4
96	63	Plasmec▲	73	...	...	6.4	6.2
104	76	Pressac	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	98	Psion▲	108	...	...	2.9	28.7
229	160	Racal Elect	218	...	4.2	2.4	13.0
70	45	Radamec	63	-2	...	3.0	13.5
70	43	Radius▲	56	...	...	6.0	19.3
92	61	Real Time ▲	75	...	...	5.2	∞
33	18	Riva▲	28	-1	...	...	36.8
629	488	Sage Gp	504	+8	9.0	2.2	16.2
342	222	Sanderson Elec	314	...	9.0	3.0	13.4
72	49	Scantronic	72	+2	3.1	3.6	∞
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	8.0	4.3	28.5
371	220	Sema Gp	359	-4	2.8	1.0	20.1
39	26	Silverstone	29	...	...	4.7	∞
90	37	Soundtracks▲	47 †	...	...	5.9	15.9
2550	1737½	TDK	2425	-125	...	1.2	29.7
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	10½	+½	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	140	-2	0.8	0.7	23.1
934	809	THORN EMI	933	-1	...	4.4	18.6
111	96	Thorpe FW	102	...	2.5	3.1	10.5
103	65	Total Systems▲	65	...	3.0	5.8	11.5
445	372	Tunstall	438	...	6.0	1.7	17.5
256	164	Unitech	243	-1	5.8	3.0	43.5
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
36	24	Vistec▲	29½	...	...	1.6	∞
471	387	Vodafone	443	-4	...	2.0	20.1
441	368	Volex	438	+3	17.8	5.3	17.5
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	+1	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	486 †	+9	...	5.2	8.7
506	399	Eastern Elect	484 †	+9	...	5.0	9.7
356	304	Hydro-Elect	341	+1	...	4.3	12.1
501	404	London Elect	494 †	+11	...	4.9	11.0
559	408	Manweb	539 †	+10	...	5.0	7.6
515	404½	Midlands Elec	509 †	+6	...	4.9	9.1
534	400	Northern Elec	523 †	+13	...	5.1	7.5
344	439	Norweb	517	...	30.0	5.0	7.8
337	285	Scottish Power	321	+2	...	4.4	11.6
535	436	Seeboard	522	+5	...	4.7	8.5
571	469	Sth Wales	553 †	+12	...	5.0	9.2
532	436	Sth Western	498 †	+9	...	5.0	12.0
506	406	Southern Elec	489 †	+8	...	5.0	9.0
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	522 †	+14	...	4.9	9.7
372	273	National Powr	357½	+1½	...	3.7	10.9
392	273	PowerGen	380	+1	...	3.5	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
106	47	BWD▲	104 †	...	...	3.8	16.2

INDUSTRIALS (continued from columns above)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	26	Baltic Plc	89	...	...	1.4	...
492	413	Caledonia	489	+6	...	3.8	18.2
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	283	...	10.2	4.5	20.0
110	71	Flextech▲	110	...	...	0.6	...
303	155	Goven	283	+5	...	5.3	8.8
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	5.4	14.1
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
216	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	216	+4	8.4	5.0	15.3
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
284	246	Rathbone Brs	264	...	6.0	2.6	27.3
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
330	253	S & U	270	...	10.0	4.6	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	...	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	813	-25	...	4.6	...
143	83	SJP Capital	139	-1	3.0	2.7	37.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2137½	...	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	900	+2	...	5.8	20.7
145	92	Invesco	142	...	...	2.6	76.0
230	164	Jardine Stat	208	-3	...	3.5	10.2
236	154	MAI	217	-1	6.0	3.6	15.3
548	389	MAM	548	+1	15.0	3.4	13.7
830	623	M & G	828	+1	...	3.2	22.0
270	109	Smith New Ct	262 †	+1½	...	2.9	4.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76	+1	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	459	AB Food	459 †	-6	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	62½	+½	...	3.2	14.3
261	170	Acatos & Hutch	261	+5	6.5	3.1	15.1
76	55	Albert Fisher	65	+1	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	297	Argyll	302	-11	...	4.5	11.3
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	124	...	8.0	8.1	∞
230	160	Banks (S D)	198	-2	8.2	5.2	9.9
402	310	Barr (AG)	335 †	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	76	...	...	4.7	17.1
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	395	-4	...	6.9	40.6
52	35	Borthwick	48½	...	...	3.1	10.2
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	44	...	1.0	2.9	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	433	-11	...	3.8	16.1
107	78	Carrs Milling	105	...	3.9	4.6	21.0
196	158	Cranswick	158 †	-1	...	6.3	11.8
22	8½	Colliers	17 †	...	0.5	3.7	∞
384	150	Dalepak	162	+8	6.0	4.8	∞
491	404	Dalgety	443	-5	19.5	5.5	12.9
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	192	...	...	3.6	18.3
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
300	269	Farepak▲	298 †	...	...	2.4	∞
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100 †	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	355	-5	8.1	2.9	16.0
12	7	Global▲	10	...	...	6.3	15.6
54	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
205	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	...	...	4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	139	-1	...	7.9	10.9
231	205½	Iceland Group	214	-1	...	1.9	19.1
112	103	JLI Group	103	-3	4.6	5.6	∞
853	690	Kwik Save	690	-7	16.0	3.0	12.9
262	180	Low (Wm)	180	...	8.4	5.8	8.7
70	41	Matthews (B)	57	...	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	16	...	1.1	9.0	31.2
174	130	Morrison (W)	130	-3	...	0.8	16.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	533	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
280	241	Nthn Foods	254	-6	...	4.1	12.6
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fns	15	...	...	...	6.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	205	...	...	3.7	11.8
270	205	Park Foods	230	...	6.0	3.3	∞
115	79½	Perkins Food	81	...	...	6.8	6.8
96½	47	PizzaExpress	79	...	...	0.8	45.4
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	5	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	450	-8	...	2.8	15.6
85	33	Senory Farm▲	66	+5	...	2.8	11.8
225	105	Sims Food	121 †	...	...	7.2	23.3
439	357	Tate & Lyle	384	-2	12.0	3.9	12.1
221	195½	Tesco	204	-5	...	4.4	9.5
183	123	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
183	101	Trent▲	160	-1	...	2.8	18.1
375	300	Unigate	337	-4	...	6.0	11.1
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	360	-7	...	5.3	18.6
25	20	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	12.3
337	248	Watson & Phil	285	...	13.3	5.8	14.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	12	...	...	...	...
89	77	Cty Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
231	170	Forte	224	-5	...	4.2	17.6
220	153	Friendly Hotels	202	+4	5.7	3.5	38.5
8½	5	Harmony Leis▲	7½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	105½	...	...	6.7	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	180	-6	11.1	7.7	15.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	-1	...	4.7	18.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cnpr	85 #	...	2.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	17½	-½	...	6.3	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	55	+3	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	105	AAF Inds	110	...	...	10.0	6.7
616	462	AAH	484	-7	...	4.7	14.0
175	140	AIM	165	-5	6.5	4.9	10.2
132	88	APV	94	-1	...	7.2	...
233	81	ASW	200	...	...	3.8	...
176	124	Adwest	173	...	7.0	5.1	24.6
28	10	Aerospace Eng	24½	...	1.0	...	14.9
518	434	Airsprung	488	...	9.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alexdra W	145	...	3.8	3.3	40.1
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
46	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp▲	41	-2	...	3.1	...
107	87	Anagen	87	...	...	...	...
145	110	Andrews Sykes	110	-3	...	5.1	...
893	703	Antofagasta	830	-12	...	2.4	15.3
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	157	...	6.4	5.3	15.4
5	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	486	...	...	4.2	19.4
235	168	Assoc Nursing▲	225 †	+3	...	0.6	13.8
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	168	...	...	5.6	14.3
65	28	BLP Group▲	46	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	77	-1	5.0	...	0.7
770	635	BOC	665	+8	23.2	4.4	14.4
79½	62	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
487	353	BSS Group	428	-1	...	5.0	25.6
380	318	BTR	365½	-½	...	3.7	20.9
221	165	BWI	165	-1	6.7	5.1	15.9
41½	31	Babcock	38½	-½	...	7.2	21.8
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	245	-1	8.0	4.5	17.0
1062½	558½	Barlow Rand	650	-12½	...	5.3	3.7
68	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beauford	8	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham▲	6½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17	...	0.1	0.7	15.7
707	461	Bespak	521 †	...	10.0	2.4	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	76	+3	9.7	...	4.5
312	129	Billam (J)	283	...	5.0	2.4	13.3
41	21½	Bilston Batrsea▲	32	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
164	126	Birkby	164	...	...	2.9	∞
45	32	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	10.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	173	...	2.9	2.1	17.8
323	129	Bluebird Toys▲	307	-2	...	1.8	19.2
293½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	26	...	0.3	1.7	∞
563	416	Boots	429	-6	...	3.0	15.9
61	42	Booth Inds	48	...	0.7	1.8	...
517	435½	Bowater	449	+1	11.5	3.2	17.7
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1350 †	-17	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl▲	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
19	12½	Brammer	15	-1	0.5	4.3	∞
266	204	Bramner	250	...	13.0	6.5	22.6
22	12	Bridgend Gp	22	...	0.4	2.3	...
119	64	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	72.9
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	85	+4	4.1	6.0	16.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	40	-½	...	7.9	9.8
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	53	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	508	...	...	2.5	18.2
106	54	Br Steel	102½	...	...	...	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	35.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	...	...
268	215	Br Vita	234	-1	7.1	3.8	14.4
15	6	Brixton Grp	14½	...	0.1	0.2	...
730	555	Broken Hill	662	+8	...	2.8	31.4
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	108 †	+1	4.4	5.3	∞
10½	6½	Brooks Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
60	44	Brown & Tawse	53	...	...	...	...
120	90	Bullough	119	-1	6.0	6.4	20.4
20	13	Business Tech▲	19	+1	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	14	Campbell & Arm	14	...	2.0	...	...
34	20	Cannon St	29	...	...	...	...
242	205	Cape	239	...	...	5.5	16.1
245	178	Carclo Eng	243 †	+1	8.6	4.4	17.3
2500	2138	Carnaud Md	2463	-25	...	3.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
198	158	Castings	198	+3	4.3	2.7	14.0
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons	648	...	...	4.3	11.8
295	230	Chemring	284	...	...	3.6	17.1
92	47	Chelsfield Gp▲	49	...	5.3	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	182	...	...	1.0	...
61	58	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	1	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	335	...	6.8	2.5	...
223	179	Community H	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	215	-1	...	3.2	18.1
209	130	Cook (Wm)	200	...	5.0	3.2	∞
220	182	Cookson	210	+1	...	3.6	27.8
65	38	Copymore▲	63	...	...	2.0	19.2
238	132	Cowell Plc 'A'	132	-1	5.7	5.4	11.3
173	92	Coxall	105 †	+11	10.7	...	10.0
224	150	Creighton Nt▲	165 †	...	...	5.5	16.1
48	27	CrestaCare	42	-1	0.5	1.5	36.3
3687½	2993½	Dana	3687½	+8½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	214	-11	...	0.7	20.3
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	635	De La Rue	636	-8	...	3.3	16.9
28	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
513	391	Diploma	500	-1	9.7	2.4	26.0
77	50	Dobson Park	71	-1	5.7	...	12.8
109	92	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	15.7
75	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	10.8
16½	8	EFG▲	13	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	397	...	...	3.9	15.7
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½#	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	+46½	...	2.8	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	406	-4	...	6.2	22.3
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3100	-84½	...	1.0	...
91	22	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	9.2
75	32	Europcrpy	45 †	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	65	...	3.2	6.2	∞
668	499	Fairey Group	667	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	57	...	...	3.2	13.4
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	-1	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	164	-1	...	6.6	19.0
53	29	Fizzwilton	41	...	...	12.3	...
265	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	∞
76	56	French (Thomas)	70 †	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
216	166½	Frost Group	198	...	4.0	2.5	8.3
85	71	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
489	434	GKN	461	+8	...	5.6	30.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
95	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	108	Gestetner	113 †	...	8.2	9.1	4.9
36	23	Gleves	26	...	...	...	18.8
801	531	Glaxo	531	+8	17.0	4.0	14.6
29½	16	Glenchewton	28½	-1	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	292	-3	11.6	5.0	27.5
100	66	Goode Durrant	88	...	5.4	7.7	18.6
134	102	Grampian Hd	125	-1	5.5	5.5	21.7
427	341	Granada	403 †	-1	7.7	2.4	21.5
407	301	Great Shrn▲	395	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	93	-2	...	9.4	12.8
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	54	...	...	4.6	19.5
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	78	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	225	...	8.6	4.8	18.8
258	215	Halma	250	...	...	1.3	25.2
49	30	Hampson Ind	39 †	-1	1.6	5.1	∞
265½	222	Hanson	235	-½	...	6.1	12.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	211	...	6.8	4.1	∞
187	147	Harrisn Crsfld	184	-1	9.0	6.1	26.6
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
394	301	Hepworth	357	-1	14.8	5.2	15.4
228	160	Hewitt (J)	211	...	3.0	1.8	16.5
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
152	112½	Hill & Smith	144	...	...	4.9	20.0
10½	6½	Hobson▲	9½	...	...	...	...
129	87	Holders Tech▲	128	...	...	5.9	16.7
45	30	Hopkinsons	43½	...	1.3	3.7	18.0
167	133	Hornby▲	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
10	6	Hospital Crp	7	...	...	14.3	1.9
87	54½	Howden	76	...	2.2	3.7	∞
238	173	Hunting	236	+8	...	5.3	19.9
435	269½	Huntigh Tec▲	420	+5	...	3.0	10.7
295	247	IMI	273½	-1	...	4.6	23.4
112	90	ISA Intl	111	...	1.5	1.7	17.3
205	170	Intercare Op▲	170 †	...	...	1.9	18.0
256	235	Isotron	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	360	Jardine Math	470	-2	...	2.5	18.2
537	425	Johnson Mattb	457	-5	...	2.8	18.8
64	50½	Johnson & FB	50½	-1	3.0	7.4	15.6
177	104	Johnston	157	...	3.2	2.6	...
28	19	Jones Shipman	22	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
70	26	Kalamazoo	70	...	2.1	3.9	∞
178	73	Kalon	155	-½	...	2.6	21.5
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	485	Kershaw (A)	528 †	...	27.0	6.4	27.4
168	75	Kleeneze	158	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW▲	140	-1	3.0	2.7	11.6
317½	266	Laird	312	-2	...	4.2	15.4
185	105	Lee (Arthur)	185	...	...	4.0	78.6
153	110	Lilleshall	150	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
153	97	Linens	142	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	116	-1	3.7	4.0	17.9
213	190	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	8.8	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.2	1.9	...
20½	15	Locker (T) A	20½	...	1.0	6.1	29.8
274	173	Lon Intl	192	...	9.4	6.2	∞
135	70	Lonrho	129	-1	...	3.9	...
357	269	Low & Bonar	356	...	...	3.2	49.5
343	268	MB-Caradon	273	-6	...	4.0	21.1
169½	135	-do- pf	139½	-1½	7.2	6.5	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	28½	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	2.5	7.9	∞
50	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
191	168	Macfarlane	190	...	...	2.1	21.5
439	379	McKechnie	434	+2	14.7	4.2	21.5
106	85	McLeod Russel	95	+1	6.0	7.9	11.6
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	-½	...	...	20.5
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	93	-1	1.0	1.3	...
27	20½	Marling	21½	-2	...	...	∞
179	124	Mayborn▲	166	...	...	3.8	13.8
55	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	2.8	45.9
236	110½	Medeva	110½	-5½	...	2.5	9.0
113	88	Meggitt	105	+3	...	4.5	17.9
118	98	Metalr	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Mensec▲	76	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midsumm	72	-4	...	1.3	10.0
25	14	Minting & Ald	23½	-½	0.5	2.7	...
488	368	Molins	459	...	...	3.8	11.9
345	262	Morgan Cble	282	-5	...	5.6	15.0
176	134	Morris Ashby▲	174 †	-1	...	3.9	∞
31	18	Neepsend	22	...	0.7	4.4	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	52	...	3.1	7.6	12.4
191	122	Nobo Gp	189	...	4.8	3.2	∞
167	127½	Nortros	154	-1	...	5.7	22.5
51	35	Novo Group	47	...	1.3	3.5	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	-5	...	...	∞
53	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	29½	-½	1.7	7.7	...
140	123	PCT▲	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
48	36	Pacer Systems▲	36	-2	...	10.2	...
138	104	Pentland	104	-1	...	3.0	14.1
385	310	Photo-Me	374	...	4.4	1.5	19.1
137	97½	Pilkington	132	...	...	3.8	...
79	68	Planesbrook	69	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
154	126	Polypipe	128	-3	1.9	1.9	18.5
42	19	Porter Chadburn	36	-1	1.2	4.4	...
9	5½	Porth Gp▲	7½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	338	...	...	2.4	17.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	+½	0.7	5.4	8.7
54	33½	RPS Group▲	51	...	...	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil▲	128	-1	...	1.0	42.9
799	606	Rank Org	719 †	-6	31.0	5.4	19.7
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	550	-2	...	3.7	19.9
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	192	...	4.9	3.2	23.0
303	273	Renishaw	274	...	6.5	3.0	21.0
82	55	Renold	81	...	...	1.5	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1302	+8	21.2	1.9	23.0
38	24½	Rexmore	37½	...	1.7	5.8	9.2
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	78	...	3.0	4.8	20.0
128	109	Rotmer	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	27	Rust Gp	27	...	0.6	3.0	11.0
171	131½	Rotork	158	-4	...	2.9	20.9
170	100	Rubicon	167	-2	...	3.4	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Intl	25½	...	...	3.7	23.0
937½	625	SKF 'B'	900	...	...	...	...
45	30	Saville Grdn (J)	44½	...	3.2	6.2	17.6
248	208	Scapa	215	...	...	3.3	16.4
238	192	Schroll	212	...	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	983	...	2.6	0.3	37.4
668	562	-do- 'A'	645	-1	2.6	0.5	34.5
585	465	Security Serv	545	...	5.0	1.2	20.9
111	77	Senior Eng	111	+½	...	3.5	18.5
361	306	Seton Health	315	...	...	2.3	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	ShGen	127	...	2.9	2.9	13.7
361	295	Sidlaw	320	...	10.0	3.9	14.9
501	427	Siebe	492	-5	...	2.5	18.1
333	220	Silentnight	332	+1	...	3.0	19.5
124	102	Sime Darby	112	...	...	3.7	13.8
142	32	Simon Eng	49	-1	5.0	12.8	11.2
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	194	...	7.0	4.5	12.5
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	...	5.9	...
164	140	Smith & Neph	141	-½	...	4.1	18.9
513	389	SmithKline	419	+3	8.6	2.6	15.0
450	340	Smithkline Us	369	-3	...	3.6	13.3
394	320	Smiths Ind	360	...	11.2	3.9	14.7
140	63	Sthn Bus	63	...	3.3	6.7	6.0
410	265	Spandex▲	395	...	...	2.1	17.6
650	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343	...	...	3.4	21.7
145	44	Spring Ram	54	...	...	0.8	14.8
270	222	Staveley	244	-5	...	4.4	13.8
162	126	Sterling Ind	147	...	...	4.8	22.5
26	11	Stonehill	25	...	...	...	...
168	97	Suter	168	...	6.8	6.5	17.6
361	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	318	-4	...	2.8	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4	-1	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	252	...	9.4	4.3	∞
353	279	TI	332	-3	...	4.0	18.4
23	12	TLS Range▲	21	...	...	1.5	...
300	216	TT Group	289	-1	6.6	3.0	17.1
249	230	Tatam	243	-2	1.8	0.9	20.2
828	618	Takeda Chem	828	...	...	0.5	22.0
53	24	Tex Hldgs	53	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	107	...	...	6.1	12.5
225	150	Titon▲	206	...	...	2.2	17.9
271	212½	Tomkins	220	-½	...	3.7	19.5
110½	67	Trafalgar H	100	-1	...	4.0	7.3
110	65½	-do- 'A'	102	...	...	4.0	7.5
579	346	Transfer Tech	530	-2	16.0	3.8	13.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.1	∞
253	220	UniChem	237	...	5.6	3.0	15.5
335	225½	Unidare	335	...	...	6.4	10.0
76	11½	Unigroup	71	-1	...	...	...
1249	946	Unilever	949	-17	21.3	2.8	12.9
8112½	6550	Unilever (NV)	6550	-150	...	3.3	10.3
868	513	VSEL	863	+15	...	4.2	9.2
9½	6½	Verson	9	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	149	...	...	1.3	...
367	243	Vicaulic	250	...	...	3.9	12.3
386	283	Virten	385	-2	...	2.3	17.9
632	427	Vosper Thorny	629	+16	...	3.1	15.2
49	41	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.9	12.0
468	388	Wagon Ind	384	-2	17.3	5.8	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	78	...	3.1	5.0	19.9
258	201	Wassall	234	-2	2.5	1.3	23.6
36½	22	Watford Wdgwd	34	...	...	...	...
337½	291	Weir	329	-2	...	2.2	18.6
993	600	Wellcome	621	-17	13.0	2.6	17.2
23½	21	Wellman	21½	...	0.9	5.2	35.1
300	260	West Hittsare	295	...	...	1.6	18.9
510	460	Wharman	505	...	9.5	2.4	17.1
353	267	Whessoe	330	-1	...	3.0	12.8
61	27	Whitecroft	60	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	86	...	3.5	5.1	25.2
365	295½	Williams Hldg	313	-7	12.5	5.0	16.4
31½	17	Wilshaw	31½	...	0.5	2.0	∞
661	533	Wolseley	608	-1	12.5	2.6	21.1
152	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
49	35	Wyko	40	...	1.0	3.2	∞
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1900½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1793½	-12½	...	3.5	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2087½	+25	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	38	-1	4.4	...	18.5
148	118	Bradstock	138	...	5.1	4.7	16.8
498	359½	Britannic	469	...	...	3.0	...
641	556	Com Union	621	-10	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1563	...	...	1.4	25.8
30	18	FAI	29	...	...	...	...
633	546	Gen Accident	630	+5	26.7	5.3	...
206	160	GRE	200	-4	7.0	4.4	16.6
370	293	Heath C E	349	...	...	5.7	...
226	168	Hogg Gp	213	-1	8.1	4.8	19.3
218	164	JIB Group	212	...	7.5	4.4	21.5
513	408½	Legal & Gen	512	+2	...	4.7	31.1
1026	768	Liberty Life	963	-19	...	3.0	16.7
465	405	Lloyds Abbey	441	-2	17.3	4.9	15.9
321	253	Lloyd Thomp	318	+1	5.6	2.2	23.4
368	224	Londn & Man	349	+1	14.2	5.1	25.7
412	321	Lowndes Lmb	412	...	13.5	4.2	14.5
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5687½	-37½	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	89	...	...	7.0	...
68	50½	PWS	65	+1	4.0	7.7	9.4
349	282½	Prudential	345	-3	...	4.3	22.9
1138	800	Refuge	1023	-5	31.5	3.8	28.3
326	248	Royal	314	-10	...	2.6	...
202	153	Sedgwick	199	+3	6.0	3.8	24.0
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	...	...	6.5	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	62 †	...	8.2	...	6.3
387	307	Sun Alliance	382	...	14.2	4.7	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
321	239	Transatlantic	321	+26	12.0	4.7	29.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	683	-30	14.5	2.7	28.8
234	171	Willis Corroon	212	...	...	3.9	45.6
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1675	...	45.0	3.4	36.7
260	226½	Amer Trust	246	-1	4.9	2.5	51.0
363	304	Ang & O'seas	359	-1	6.8	2.4	45.6
139½	124	B2W Conv	130½	...	7.8	7.5	15.3
183	133½	Bankers	160½	...	3.4	2.7	44.1
298	264	Baring Tribne	284	...	6.4	2.8	44.9
175	131	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.6
106½	96½	Br Assets	101	...	...	5.3	24.7
74	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	-½	0.8	1.5	74.1
24½	14	-do- Wnts	24½	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	37.6
166	130	Contl Assel	166	...	2.4	1.8	55.2
195	144	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
280	195	-do- Cap	245	-5	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	64	...	8.4	16.4	7.1
76	35	-do- Eng Ind	70	-1	1.2	2.1	...
121	84	-do- Far East	120	...	0.6	0.7	...
122	65	-do- Korea	119	+1	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	588	+2	25.4	5.4	27.1
611	513	-do- Wwde	610	...	9.5	1.9	62.8
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267	...	...	4.2	24.6
275	250½	Edinburgh	271½	-½	8.4	3.9	29.7
261	183	Electra Inv	258	...	6.7	3.3	35.2
171	141	Electric Gen	171	+2	3.1	2.3	∞
99	85	English Scot	98	...	...	...	...
260	205	European Asset	259	-1	...	2.9	31.6
106	77	Finsbury 'A'	105	...	3.0	3.6	33.8
280	248	Fleming Amer	266 †	-3	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	202	+1	...	3.3	39.8
271	212	Do Contl	267½	...	2.7	1.3	...
185	147	-do- Entp	182	...	4.5	3.1	40.9
301	213	-do- F East	288	-1	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299 †	...	3.0	1.3	...
118	95	-do- Hi Inc	95 †	...	...	5.8	16.2
236	136	-do- Japan	232	-1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259	...	6.7	3.2	55.4
256	212	-do- O'seas	255	...	4.0	2.0	60.9
236	203	Foreign & Col	231½	-½	3.3	1.8	63.0
230	164	-do- Eurotst	198	...	1.2	0.8	...
120	87	-do- German	110	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	276	...	1.9	0.9	...
151½	116	-do- Smaller	151½	+1	1.8	1.5	76.8
233	145	GT Japan	230	-1	...	0.6	...
130	65	Genl Cons Cap	126	-2	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	110	...	...	10.0	11.0
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	126	...	...	...	...
291	184	-do- Oriental	271	...	0.9	0.4	...
260	207	-do- Strategy	247	...	...	3.4	34.1
375	340	Greenfriar	375	...	...	2.1	56.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	52½	...	0.5	1.2	...
134	124	Inv Cap	130½	...	5.1	4.9	26.2
95	77	HIS UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	175	-1	5.0	3.6	34.1
208	176	-do- O'seas	207	...	3.3	2.0	58.8
127	108	-do- Smlr	124	...	4.0	4.0	30.1
607	540	Law Debenture	604	...	18.2	3.8	30.2
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.9
249	221	Merchants	234½	-1	10.6	5.7	21.8
5793½	3700	Merrill Lynch	5475 †	-87½	...	...	...
440	383	Montis Inv Tst	431	-2	...	1.0	54.6
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	121	...	...	4.8	24.0
37	23	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
12	4½	Do Wts	12	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Incme	309	-2	...	4.3	29.4
319	265	-do- Intl	298	...	11.4	4.8	26.9
324	263	-do- Small	323	...	4.0	1.6	69.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	145½	...	...	...	...
275	230	-do- Vent	274	...	...	4.7	21.6
80	50½	New Frontier	79½	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	76	...	6.7	11.1	14.3
305	249	O'seas Inv Tst	301	-1	2.8	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	368	...	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	289	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8125	-25	...	2.5	48.5
155	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	158	+1	1.1	0.9	...
123	108	River & Merc	113	+1	9.2	10.4	11.0
396	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
260	214	St Andrew Inv	260	...	7.5	3.6	34.8
148½	131	Scot American	145	-½	4.3	3.8	30.7
209	136	Scot Asian	192	...	...	...	...
435	225	do Warrants	410	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	70½	-½	1.5	2.7	46.3
205	183	Scottish	201½	-1½	4.6	2.9	41.8
201	178	-do- Mtge	192	-1	4.0	2.6	49.8
87	71	-do- Value	87	...	...	2.6	62.0
1505	1380	Second Allnce	1475	-5	36.5	3.1	39.6
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-1	3.2	5.0	26.8
138	109½	Selective Asset	137	...	1.2	1.1	49.3
25½	14	Sphere Inv	24½	-½	3.1	15.8	7.9
145	112	TR Far East	140	...	4.5	4.0	30.7
140½	126	TR Cty Of Lon	138½	...	4.7	4.3	29.1
154	110	TR Pacific	140	-½	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26½	-½	0.9	4.3	27.5
70	47	TR Tech Inv	69 †	+1	1.7	3.2	25.6
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	174	...	3.7	2.7	51.0
315	283	Temple Bar	306	...	13.2	5.4	23.1
91	69	Thrmtn Asian E	85	...	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	69	...	2.3	4.2	28.2
480	363	Throg Dual Cp	475	-3	...	...	...
208	178	USDC Invest	208	...	4.5	2.7	38.3
104	78½	Value Inc Tst	105	...	3.6	4.4	25.9
609	542	Whitbread Inv	607	...	16.5	3.4	36.8
199	181	Witan	194	...	5.6	3.6	34.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
362	269	Airtours	362	+5	7.2	2.5	12.8
64	42	Ald Leis	63	...	4.7	...	18.1
357	194	Anglia TV	312	+1	...	3.2	14.5
103	63	Baldwin	63	...	3.0	6.0	8.6
249	192	Burr & W 'A'	219	...	10.0	5.7	14.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV▲	130	...	...	3.2	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	8½	-½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	-2	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5	-½	...	...	...
242	110	Campari	138	+5	...	10.9	...
197	171	Capital Radio	195	...	5.2	3.4	22.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	735 †	...	17.0	2.9	21.7
200	158	Castle Comm▲	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1948	...	38.0	2.4	21.2
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	508	...	...	3.2	15.2
350	179	Eurocamp	182	...	9.7	6.7	7.5
1180	623	Euro Disney	660	-10	...	1.8	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	268	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	320	First Leisure	323	+1	6.1	2.4	22.2
515	398	GWR Gp▲	505	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	224	...	6.1	3.4	15.5
6	4½	Greenwich Com▲	5	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	22.2
70	30	Hi-Tec Sports	54	...	...	4.6	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	447	+6	...	1.4	20.7
475	327	Man Utd	424	...	18.0	5.3	14.6
148	60	Owners Abrd	66	...	3.5	6.9	5.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	63	-1	...	2.2	∞
180	55	Prism Leisure▲	158 †	...	...	2.6	∞
28	16	Quadrant Grp	27	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde▲	297	...	...	3.6	23.3
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	169	+1	...	3.3	22.3
553	431	Scot TV	514	-6	9.9	2.4	25.3
60	37	Southern Radio	39	...	0.7	2.5	10.2
225	168	Stanley Leisure	221 †	+5	4.3	2.4	∞
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Taojong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	98	+1	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World▲	59	+1	...	1.7	21.5
481	274	Ulster TV	463	...	10.0	2.7	14.2
101	62	Vardon	98	-1	0.7	1.0	23.1
22	13½	Wembley	14	...	0.2	1.8	...
36	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
215	118	Yorkshire TV	195	+2	12.0	7.7	5.9
113	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5300	1800	Am Gold	4975	-109½	...	4.2	23.9
1612½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1593½	-18½	...	5.8	8.0
2187½	1125	Ang Am	2112½	-34½	...	3.3	17.4
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	27½	-½	...	...	...
125	35	Blyvoors	110	-3	...	5.6	6.1
46	18	Bracken	38	-1	...	...	2.2
871	233	Buffels	750	-12	...	5.2	18.6
2½	1	Bume	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	612	+8	...	3.4	∞
43½	11	Cluff Res	35½	-3	...	...	...
1262½	762½	De Beers	1212½	-12½	...	4.0	16.3
157	37½	Deelkraal	146	-4	...	1.4	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	80	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	798	-15	...	3.8	∞
709	120	Durban	660	-24	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	177	-2	...	6.5	5.0
180	62	E Dagga	173	-4	...	...	14.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	233	-9	...	...	...
538	117	Elandsrand	536	-2	...	2.3	12.6
838	282	FS Cons	778	-22	...	6.5	9.3
65	8	FS Dev	63	-2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1562	-25	...	2.6	24.6
180	125	Gencor	174	-5	...	5.7	13.5
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	57	-1½	...	2.4	14.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	176	+2	...	5.8	10.5
360	78	Harmony	326	-11	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	373	+3	...	5.2	∞
14	8½	Inmco	11½	-½	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	1006	...	...	...	22.7
17½	6	Kenmare Res▲	9	...	...	...	...
960	332	Kinross	931	-11	...	5.4	10.2
913	319	Kloof	778	-27	...	2.9	∞
135	25	Leslie	118	+1	...	3.5	11.9
174	13	Loraine	166	-8	...	...	...
116½	81½	MIM	91	...	...	2.5	41.5
1261	820	Minorco	1210	-18	...	3.1	14.3
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	128	+1	...	3.9	∞
2350	610	Orange Free	2000	-46½	...	6.5	15.3
709	607	RTZ	683	...	...	3.8	25.7
637½	425	Rand Mines	631½	-6½	...	9.3	2.9
620	150	Randfontein	595	-18	...	3.0	∞
192	115	Renison	163	-2	...	2.8	25.8
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1150	...	...	4.0	18.0
585	191	St Helena	520	-13	...	4.6	10.7
1825	475	Southvaal	1805	+63	...	3.2	31.2
109	18	Stilfontein	96	-1	...	6.6	16.7
201	58	Unisel	162	...	...	1.9	15.7
5287½	1800	Vaal Reefs	4900	-162½	...	4.5	8.4
555	154	Welkom	524	+7	...	6.4	15.5
285	26	Western Areas	269	-4	...	2.6	∞
2437½	587½	Western Deep	2137½	...	...	2.9	9.8
275	176	Wstrn Mining	270	+½	...	...	...
939	323	Winkels	923	-2	...	1.1	7.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	61	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	1.1	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	258	...	3.0	3.0	11.8
125	95	Airflow Stream	123	...	5.2	4.9	...
133	82	Appleyard	132	...	...	4.2	13.5
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	265	...	...	1.0	33.6
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
429	165	Br Aerospace	400	-18	7.0	2.2	...
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
9½	4½	Cavendale	9½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	131	-6	...	3.8	33.1
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	24	...	...	...	...
255	156	Cowie (T)	232	-8	6.2	3.4	17.7
110	86	Dag Motors	104	...	5.7	6.9	18.8
142	102½	Davigsr Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
282	155	ERF	273	-2	2.0	0.9	...
131	92	European Mtr	128	-2	3.5	3.5	∞
329	208	Evans Halshw	326	...	11.2	4.3	50.3
290	236	FR Group	262	-1	...	3.4	12.2
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3437½	-12½	...	...	...
3212½	2143½	General Mtr	3175	-37½	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
193	85	Henlys	176	-7	3.0	2.1	...
875	680	Honda Motor	812	-22	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	138	-5	...	3.0	24.6
396	281	Lex Service	300	-5	...	3.4	21.3
156	85	Lookers	150	...	6.2	5.2	...
152	126	Lucas	147	-1	7.0	6.0	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
274½	236½	Pendragon	253	-1	...	3.3	20.4
193	106	Perry Gp	190	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.5	20.8
153	99	Rolls-Royce	140	+1	...	4.5	...
198	164	T & N	194	+4	...	7.0	31.1
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	189	...	...	3.7	∞
153	125	Vardy (Reg)	149 †	...	4.2	3.5	∞
235	121	Westland	234	...	4.2	2.3	20.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	140	...	4.0	3.6	14.9
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	∞
608	423	Blenheim Gp	447	...	...	2.5	16.6
370	275	Bristol	340	...	...	4.3	70.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9600	...	130	1.7	21.6
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9600	...	130	1.7	21.6
305	251	Dorling Kind	287	-5	...	1.3	27.4
373	328	EMAP	340	-2	...	2.9	21.0
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	20.5	3.5	23.7
237	180	Harrington K	212	...	4.5	2.7	17.3
383	233	Haynes Pub	380	...	0.0	2.0	16.3
355	347	Hodder H'line	350	...	5.0	1.6	79.8
140	105	Home Counts	112	...	6.0	6.7	...
132½	30	Intl Bus Comm	118	-7	...	...	17.1
9	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	8	...	...	...	...
365	240	Independent	365	...	...	3.5	16.4
551	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletn	284	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	149	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	364	+4	...	0.3	24.5
240	169	News Intl	214	...	...	0.6	14.8
483	394	Pearson	430	-7	...	3.4	26.8
675	510	Portsmth Sund	631	...	...	1.9	17.4
686	618	Reed Int	646	-14	...	3.3	28.1
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	26.3
162	90	Sterling Pblr	156	...	...	2.4	16.9
401	328	Telegraph	376	-6	25.4	3.7	15.8
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	...	4.1	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	377	+1	8.7	2.9	22.6
39	34	Unh Group▲	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Newspaprs	521	-2	...	5.2	15.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	26½	...	...	...	25.8
61	30	Arcon Intl▲	39	...	...	...	...
69	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	62	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	70	-4	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	164	...	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	276	British Gas	292	-6	14.2	6.1	14.1
336	225	Br Petroleum	289½	+1	10.5	4.6	45.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	705	-10	...	4.5	16.5
65	32	Cairn Energy	61	+1½	...	...	8.7
268	223	Calor Gp	238	...	...	6.3	19.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	44½	+½	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	28	-½	...	...	...
25½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	20	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	439	-1	16.0	4.6	54.2
88	43	Exp Co Louis	44	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22	...	...	2.5	8.4
67	45	Goal Pet	56	...	1.4	3.1	10.7
44	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	143	...	...	0.9	13.3
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	+2	...	...	...
195	134	LASMO	134	-3½	3.3	3.1	27.2
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Scot Res▲	15½	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	39½	...	...	...	64.0
9½	4	New London	4	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	31	-1	...	...	...
15	11½	Petrix	13½	...	...	...	...
128	99	Pict Pet	124	...	...	...	17.2
29½	18	Premier	22	...	...	...	8.1
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
343	290	Ranger	325	...	...	4.9	...
6350	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6025	-25	...	5.4	14.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	+12½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	55	...	...	...	...
637½	515	Shell	608	-1	21.9	4.5	18.7
203	170	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo▲	6	...	...	...	3.6
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.0
13½	6½	Viiers Grp	12½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	155½	+1½	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	249	API	311	...	7.5	3.0	27.1
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	168	-1	...	4.8	16.5
515	408	Abbott Mead	513	...	9.3	2.3	26.6
1½	½	Ascis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	29	...	...	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm▲	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
375	234½	Bemrose	374	...	...	3.9	15.3
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	126	-2	4.0	4.0	19.0
287	257	CIA Gp	282	+3	...	1.9	17.8
222	93	Capital Inds	212	...	...	1.9	20.2
63	44	City of Lon▲	63	...	...	6.9	∞
236	169	Cropper (James)	232 †	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	83	...	1.6	2.5	11.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkns▲	54	...	...	...	12.9
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	...	2.9	19.5
75	41	Fairway Group▲	64	-1	...	6.2	18.9
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	...	5.0	14.1
108	62	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
124	74	Filofax▲	117	...	...	1.3	15.0
20	14	Firth	14½	+½	...	...	...
107	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	104 †	...	...	6.0	∞
295	247	Gold Greenless	289	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24	-1	0.5	2.6	...
88	36	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
185	136	Incentrope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
298	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
103	48	NMC Group	103	+2	2.0	2.5	15.7
130	66	Osborne & Little	120	...	...	4.5	14.2
527	455	Portals	470	...	...	3.9	16.1
266	167	Quarto	257	-2	5.3	2.4	15.1
347	296	St Ives Gp	296	-1	5.2	2.2	20.2
185½	142½	Saatchi	160	-3	...	...	...
674	333	Sappi	430	-1	...	8.3	8.5
20	11½	Serif▲	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Stanwick	31	...	...	...	...
365	294	Smith David	365	-3	9.5	3.3	16.1
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	229	...	...	3.4	14.2
60	45	Somic	60	...	1.5	3.1	∞
246	163	Stat-Plus	230	...	8.0	4.3	20.5
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
66	38	VTR▲	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	84	+2	...	1.5	3.2
156	62	Ware	147	-1	...	1.9	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	229	...	...	4.3	17.2
723	540	Wamough	718	-2	11.5	2.0	28.2
7	4½	Westport▲	5½	-½	...	...	∞
34	12	Whinney Mck▲	26	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	75	...	...	2.1	16.1

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	77	+1	3.5	5.7	66.5
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
90½	52	Asda	88	-1	...	3.0	9.3
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2300	-50	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	575	...	18.4	4.1	20.6
74	23	Bourne End	69	...	1.0	1.8	...
219	150	Bradford	219	+1	5.4	3.1	22.2
23	5	Bredero	7	+1	...	...	...
354	166½	Br Land	345	+1	...	2.5	31.4
211	140½	Brixton	210	...	...	5.0	16.6
72½	42	Burford	69	...	...	2.1	...
156	69	Cap & Regnl▲	155	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
380	196	Chesterfield	380	...	11.0	3.6	27.2
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
27	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
40½	10	Clayform	37	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rblar GS	45	...	...	1.4	...
1148	818	Daejan	1145	...	27.0	3.0	∞
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	84 †	...	3.0	4.5	∞
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	458	...	8.6	2.3	57.1
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	16½	...	...	...	...
187	132	Evans Of Leeds	184 †	...	...	3.1	16.2
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
60	30	Fletcher King	58	-1	1.0	2.2	∞
422½	276½	Frogmore	398 †	+2	...	4.7	33.1
200	97	Grainger	194	-1	5.2	3.4	43.4
199	116½	Gt Portland	188	+5	...	6.6	18.0
26½	7½	Greycoat	20½	...	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	136	-1	...	4.8	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	60	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	346	-4	10.0	3.6	35.0
663	245	-do- 'A'	315	-5	10.0	4.0	31.9
241	127	Helical Bar	240	...	...	4.2	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	66	...	...	3.7	7.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
608	435	Land Sec	606	+3	22.8	4.7	18.3
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	95	...	3.6	5.0	15.1
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
454	315½	MEPC	454	+4	...	5.5	19.5
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	130	+1	6.7	...	19.7
7½	3	Marlborough	5½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	38	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	39	...	...	...	...
1200	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	4	...	0.1	...	1.2
131	80	PSIT	126	...	3.7	3.7	25.1
250	138	Peel	249	...	4.0	2.0	∞
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19	+½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32½	...	0.6	2.3	24.8
70	33	Savills	55	...	1.0	2.3	∞
82	34	Scot Met	71	-2	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	∞
235	139½	Slough Estates	229	-1	...	4.4	16.0
82	56	Southend Prop	68	...	4.1	7.7	34.3
28	16	Stanhope Prps▲	23	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	172	...	2.1	1.5	60.8
116	79	Town Centre	111	+1	3.1	3.5	20.7
72½	43	Trafford Park	72½	+1½	2.5	4.4	19.6
66	3	UK Land	8½	+4½	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5½	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	226	+1	10.5	5.8	20.6
202	168	Warnford	190	...	7.5	5.1	13.6
8	2½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
68	35	Wates	68	...	0.7	1.4	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	68	+2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	...	...	2.2	34.0
157	86	Headlam	154	+1	...	...	...
300	330	Lambert	335	...	11.0	4.9	8.2
100	56	Pizards	56	...	2.0	4.5	16.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
186	89	Stylo	186	...	...	2.0	70.0
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	505	-1	12.6	3.1	16.2
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell▲	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	337	-1	7.2	2.7	21.0
601	522	Courtauld Tex	530	+3	13.6	3.2	14.5
53½	24½	Cupid▲	30	...	...	...	...
249½	205	Dawson	207	...	...	5.4	15.8
33	22	Drummond	32	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	72	...	...	8.5	∞
34	15	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	∞
198	156	Hicking Pnest	198	...	...	2.5	15.4
58	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	343	...	12.0	4.4	22.7
506	353½	Leeds	477	...	...	1.9	23.0
42	15	Lister	31	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	65	...	4.9	7.2	9.6
180	89	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	157	-1	2.0	1.6	...
102½	82	Readicut	91½	...	...	4.7	17.2
53	35	SEET	39	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	70	-1	1.8	3.4	16.6
51	37	Stoddard	40	...	...	4.7	37.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
206½	126	Yorklyde	189	...	...	3.4	12.4

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	430	-½	...	5.4	16.1
743	594½	Rothmans 'B'	680	-2	11.5	2.1	13.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	412	+1	...	3.6	...
813	707	BAA	730	-5	...	2.7	16.1
316	249	Br Airways	310	-5	...	4.3	17.1
106	56	Clarkson (H)	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	400	-5	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	∞
199	147	IOM Steam	190	+1	...	5.0	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	28	-1	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2700	12½	Manchstr Sh	2625	-25	4.5	0.2	14.3
359	280	Mersey Docks	358	...	7.5	2.6	22.9
216	181	Natl Express	215	...	...	4.1	15.4
284	238	NFC	240	-1	6.5	3.4	18.1
302	244	Ocean Group	292	+4	...	6.1	24.3
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
648	534	P & O Dfd	639	-5	...	6.1	36.1
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.0	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	551	+7	...	5.1	21.4
141	117	Seacon▲	141	...	...	4.5	8.9
138	112	Stagecoach	137	+2	...	3.5	17.6
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	60	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	697	...	11.8	2.1	26.6
382	173	Tiphook	215	-17	19.3	12.1	...
298	227	TDG	250	+1	9.5	4.8	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
555	455	Anglian Water	475 †	+4	...	5.6	9.7
652	547	Northumbrian	569	+1	...	4.9	6.0
533	431½	North West	467	+4	...	5.7	6.3
539	439	Severn Trent	471	+1	...	5.6	6.9
564	454	Sthrn Water	490	+7	...	5.4	7.6
1455	1225	Sth Staffs	1455	+7	47.0	4.0	10.4
569	465	South West	511	+3	...	5.8	6.4
563	454	Thames Water	475	+3	...	5.5	9.3
612	506	Welsh Water	544 †	-2	...	5.4	5.5
640	538	Wessex Water	577	-2	...	4.7	9.0
593	473½	Yorkshire W	491	+5	...	5.4	8.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	99¹⁵⁄₁₆	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.72
106¾	103½	Treas 13¾% 1993	102¹¹⁄₁₆	...	13.39	5.65
102¹⁵⁄₁₆	101¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¾	...	8.39	5.71
107⅜	105⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	105½	-⅛	13.78	5.61
109¹³⁄₁₆	105¾	Exch 13½% 1994	105½	-⅛	12.75	5.58
108⅞	103½	Treas 10% 1994	103½	...	9.64	5.62
110⅝	107⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅛ †	...	11.66	5.61
105¼	103¾	Treas 9% 1994	104⅛	-⅛	8.66	5.74
111⅛	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	108⁷⁄₁₆	...	11.03	5.81
96⅛	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¼	...	3.11	4.85
109¼	107¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.49	5.96
116⅛	113⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅛	-⅛	11.17	6.10
120⅛	117½	Treas 14% 1996	117⅜	-⅛	11.90	6.27
125⅛	121⅜	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅛	-⅛	12.47	6.39
120½	116¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅛	-⅛	11.28	6.37
111⅜	108⅛	Conv 10% 1996	110⅛	-⅛	9.07	6.49
122¼	118⅜	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅛	-⅛	11.02	6.66
113⅛	110⅜	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅛ †	-⅛	9.36	6.65
108⅛	105⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅛	-⅛	8.15	6.67
132⅛	127⅛	Exch 15% 1997	129⅛	...	11.60	6.93
112⅛	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⅛	-⅛	8.78	6.85
103¼	99⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅛	...	7.10	6.71
101	97⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅛	...	6.74	6.22
128⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅛	...	11.01	7.24

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅛	133⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅛	...	11.40	7.09
122½	118⅛	Exch 12% 1998	120⅛	-⅛	9.95	7.24
112⅛	108⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅛	+⅛	8.57	7.08
124⅛	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅛	-⅛	10.00	7.32
117⅛	112⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	115⅛	-⅛	9.09	7.19
117⅛	112⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	115⅛	-⅛	8.91	7.23
110⅛	106	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	-⅛	8.23	7.20
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	129⅛	+⅛	10.07	7.56
115⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2001	114⅛ †	-⅛	8.75	7.50
114⅛	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	114⅛	+⅛	8.54	7.56
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8% 2003	103⅛	-⅛	7.70	7.43
116⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	116⅛	+⅛	8.57	7.60
122⅛	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121⅛	-⅛	9.48	7.76
75⅛	67⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75⅛	+⅛	4.66	6.75
113⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	113⅛	+⅛	8.39	7.70
113⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	113⅛	+⅛	8.38	7.73
131⅛	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131⅛	-⅛	9.50	7.96
102⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	101⅛	-⅛	7.85	7.78
125⅛	118⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125⅛	-⅛	9.38	7.92
106⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	105⅛	+⅛	8.03	7.79
139⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139⅛	...	9.71	7.97

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
110⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	110⅛	+⅛	8.16	7.84
101⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2009	101⅛	+⅛	7.89	7.82
110⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	110⅛	+⅛	8.14	7.89
110⅛	100⅛	Treas 9% 2012	110⅛ †	+⅛	8.14	7.90
79⅛	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78⅛	+⅛	7.01	7.04
98⅛	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98⅛	+⅛	7.88	7.91
100⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	100⅛	+⅛	7.94	7.91
138⅛	125⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	138⅛	+⅛	8.67	8.12
108⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	108⅛ †	+⅛	8.06	7.94

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
43⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	43⅛	+⅛	8.04	...
31⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	31	...	8.06	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅛	...	...	0.86
198	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	197⅛	...	1.78	2.06
109⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅛	+⅛	2.20	2.85
167⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167⅛	+⅛	2.71	3.09
161	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163⅛	+⅛	2.87	3.19
111⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111⅛	+⅛	2.95	3.25
171⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	170⅛	+⅛	3.02	3.26
155⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154⅛	+⅛	3.18	3.40
160⅛	148⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160⅛ †	+⅛	3.23	3.42
132⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132⅛ †	+⅛	3.28	3.46
140⅛	130⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140⅛	+⅛	3.35	3.52
135⅛	124⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	135⅛	+⅛	3.40	3.54
112⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	112⅛	+⅛	3.41	3.54
113⅛	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	113⅛	+⅛	3.40	3.54

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	118.50	126.70	-1.20	1.16
International	91.72	97.57	-1.12	.54
Dividend Gth	56.50	60.16†	-0.10	4.67
Global Gth Sec	62.41	66.39	-0.03	2.36
Ethical Growth	64.27	68.37†	-0.07	2.31
High Inc Equity	149.78	159.20†	-0.20	4.94
Worldwide Bond	267.80	283.80	-3.00	3.70
Gilts Fixed Int	131.90	139.80	+0.20	5.72

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6801

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	43.23	45.63	-0.82	0.66
European	82.53	87.49	-0.34	...
European Inc	79.13	84.01†	+0.15	1.79
Exempt	899.20	925.30†	-1.90	3.32
Extra Inc	43.67	47.74†	-0.34	4.84
F East Emerg Ec	84.25	90.76†	-0.51	0.71

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	384.00	410.90	-3.10	4.01
Equity Inc	212.70	227.30	-1.20	4.01
High Yield	236.90	253.20	-1.30	4.04
Balanced	630.20	673.60†	-3.00	2.61
American Inc	48.84	52.21	-0.01	3.08
Wld Asset Val	40.50	43.29	-0.28	1.04
Japan	200.60	213.70	-2.10	0.01
Secs of Am	407.90	434.10	-1.30	0.58

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	310.80	330.70	-1.20	2.79
-do- Inc	220.20	234.30	-0.90	2.79
Higher Inc Acc	578.10	615.10	-2.10	3.73
-do- Inc	351.20	373.70	-1.30	3.73
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	179.30	189.30	-0.10	6.04
-do- Inc	93.98	99.26	+0.07	6.04
Nth America	246.60	262.40	-3.60	...
Far East	298.50	317.60	-4.40	0.23
Europe	227.30	241.90	-1.00	0.99
General Inc	422.70	449.70	-2.30	2.51
-do- Acc	463.60	493.20	-2.70	2.51
Brit Excell	62.66	66.66	-0.27	2.83
Brit Fndmnls Inc	69.00	73.41	-0.16	4.66
Brit Fndmnls Acc	88.95	94.63	-0.20	4.66
Global Opps	72.32	76.94	-0.70	0.16

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	244.40	257.30	-4.20	1.38
Capital Gwth	101.60	106.90	-0.20	2.54
Worldwide Opps	150.50	158.40	-0.20	0.60

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	105.10	112.40	-0.20	2.93
Euro Gth Inc	117.20	124.30	-0.50	1.86
Extra Inc	107.30	114.80	+0.20	4.88
General	240.70	257.40	+0.30	3.00
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.44	61.45	-0.04	8.06
Income	484.20	517.90†	+0.30	4.44

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	91.81	97.62	-1.20	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	121.40	129.80	-2.30	...
Convertibles	52.91	56.38†	-0.04	7.10
Eastern	181.50	195.10	-1.60	1.60
Equity Income	83.20	88.50	-0.27	6.30
European Gth	231.10	245.60	-0.90	1.50
Europe	150.70	161.00	-1.30	1.50
Exempt	83.56	85.76	...	3.60
German Growth	62.07	66.10	+0.01	0.70
Global Growth	108.40	115.70	-0.90	...
Japan Growth	202.00	216.20	-4.50	...
Japan Sunrise	176.10	188.20	-3.70	...
Portfolio	130.40	138.70	-0.40	3.20
-do- Acc	214.50	229.40	-0.80	3.20
UK Growth	82.88	88.17†	-0.41	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.10	92.18	-0.14	1.90
Select Managers	63.97	68.47	-0.21	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	105.06	112.36	...	1.87
-do- Inc	95.51	102.15	...	1.87
Global Bond	29.71	31.51	...	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.80	58.61	...	3.50
-do- Inc	39.35	42.08†	...	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	94.54	101.11	...	1.35
-do- Inc	86.89	92.93	...	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	59.96	64.13	...	...
-do- Inc	58.84	62.93	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	104.66	111.93	...	1.07
-do- Inc	103.22	110.40	...	1.07
Mngd P folio	36.09	38.60	...	1.29
Pacific Growth	103.08	110.25	...	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	91.76	98.14	...	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	131.40	140.00	+0.50	2.99
Smaller Cos Acc	308.10	329.60	-1.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	179.20	191.80	-0.30	1.13
High Inc	72.06	77.47†	+0.02	6.76
Income	127.90	139.20	+0.20	3.95
Mngd P folio Inc	93.99	100.10	-0.70	1.99
-do- Acc	177.60	189.20	-1.20	...
North American	105.90	112.80	-1.00	0.19
Orient	133.30	143.60	-2.10	...
Recovery	41.93	45.07	+0.10	2.48
German	42.48	45.55	+0.12	0.09
Intl Growth	34.73	36.98	-0.25	0.21
European Inc	22.05	23.74	-0.07	0.47

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	60.90	64.79	+0.04	2.13
-do- Acc	68.66	73.04	+0.05	2.14
Income Fund 5	213.40	227.10	-0.30	4.32
-do- Acc	496.60	528.40	-0.70	4.32
Inv Portfolio	67.55	70.00	+0.03	2.23
-do- Acc	76.28	79.05	+0.04	2.23
Smaller Cos	130.10	138.90†	...	1.46
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00†	-0.10	1.53
High Inc P folio	60.87	63.08	-0.06	4.68

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7236

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sht Gth Fxd Int	67.09	68.00	...	5.71

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	134.20	142.80†	+0.10	1.83
UK Growth	146.50	155.90	...	2.23
UK Income	124.80	132.80	...	4.21

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	85.40	91.34	-0.80	1.00
Growth	43.34	46.35†	-0.02	2.89
Income	53.86	57.38†	-0.12	4.18
Far East	48.53	51.90	-0.72	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
North American	85.67	92.12	-1.35	...
Global	85.35	91.28	-0.96	0.86
European	71.91	76.81	-0.31	1.00
Japan	114.50	122.90	-1.08	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.57	63.12	-0.79	5.08
UK Cap Gwth	79.35	84.87	-0.25	1.98

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	129.70	138.00	-0.90	0.30
-do- Acc	137.40	146.70	-0.90	0.30
European	67.36	71.41	-0.28	0.83
-do- Acc	69.82	74.02	-0.29	0.83
Far East Gen	66.72	70.98	-1.24	...
-do- Acc	66.72	70.98	-1.24	...
Glenfriars	255.50	271.90	-1.20	0.70
-do- Acc	287.60	306.00	-1.50	0.70
Growth	384.50	411.30	+0.30	2.23
-do- Acc	658.10	703.90	+0.40	2.23
Income Growth	369.80	393.20†	-3.30	3.83
-do- Acc	502.40	534.50	-4.60	3.83
Master Portfolio	9639.0	9995.0†	-47.00	2.18
-do- Acc	11229.0	11643.0	-55.00	2.18
Special Sits	87.96	93.58†	+0.07	2.16
-do- Acc	103.98	110.62	+0.08	2.16
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1208.0	1246.0	-4.00	4.32
-do- Acc	1425.0	1470.0	-4.00	4.32

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	191.10	203.70	-1.50	1.62
Capital	530.60	566.30	-3.70	2.40
Eurotrack 100	132.30	140.80	-0.90	1.47
Euro Gth	83.08	88.53	-0.47	1.27
Far East Growth	93.42	99.70	-1.20	0.07
Global Bond	23.60	24.88†	-0.17	6.62
Hong Kong	79.72	85.08	-0.32	0.81
Income	505.80	539.80	-0.60	3.96
Intl Growth	73.90	78.87†	-0.96	0.99
Japan Growth	278.60	297.30	-7.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.49	37.88	-0.71	...
Japan Index	81.72	87.21	-1.50	0.22
Nth American	432.50	461.60	-5.30	0.47
S pore M/y Gth	53.93	57.56	-0.33	...
The Footsie Fd	105.00	110.90†	-0.50	2.77
Tiger Index	142.40	152.00	-1.00	0.01
Trizle Index	106.00	113.10	-0.20	2.54
UK Index	121.20	129.30†	-0.50	3.10

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	84.82	90.65	-0.24	1.00
European P folio	72.63	77.43	-1.02	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.23	70.38	-1.58	...
Pacific P folio	102.61	110.34	-1.07	1.15
Cazenove P folio	71.21	76.17†	-0.17	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.16	68.86	-0.03	5.00
Utility & Bond	51.13	51.82	+0.28	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	...	9.19
Deposit	5.70	..	5.82	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	601.99	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	..	..
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	..
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	62.79	66.10	...	2.28
Beckman Intl	84.05	88.68	...	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	176.64	189.94	...	6.14
Friars Hse Cap	246.56	265.12†	...	2.75

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos	36.72	39.06	-0.01	1.62
-do- Acc	41.36	44.00	-0.02	1.62
Quilter	121.32	129.06	-0.71	2.65
-do- Acc	134.73	143.33	-0.79	2.65
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.65	92.65	+0.01	5.15
-do- Acc	92.65	92.65	+0.01	5.15
Fixed Conv	41.54	44.19	-0.10	6.34
-do- Acc	109.73	116.73	-0.27	6.34
Equity Income	144.64	153.87	-0.42	3.64
-do- Acc	464.28	493.91	-1.36	3.64
PPT Europe	154.54	164.40	-0.04	0.89
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.20	51.28	-0.03	7.47
PPT Global Bond	85.93	91.31	-0.54	5.51
PPT Gold Corn	61.93	65.88	-1.49	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.43	58.97	-0.38	0.40
PPT Far East Gth	106.82	113.64	-1.25	0.08
PPT High Yield	117.12	124.60	-0.39	4.39
-do- Acc	450.31	479.05	-1.79	4.39
PPT Managed	61.75	65.69	-0.27	3.41
-do- Acc	75.42	80.23	-0.32	3.41
PPT UK General	67.43	71.73	-0.36	2.58
-do- Acc	81.84	87.06	-0.42	2.58
PPT Japan	121.95	129.73	-2.34	...
PPT N Amer	147.82	157.25	-1.21	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.44	122.81	-0.57	2.03
PPT W'wide Gwth	58.03	62.06	-0.54	0.19
-do- Acc	60.46	64.66	-0.55	0.19
PPT Preference	48.40	51.49	-0.03	6.68
-do- Acc	252.70	268.83	-0.07	6.68

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	81.23	86.41	-0.79	0.92
Japanese Acc	64.32	68.43	-1.67	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.00	133.00†	-0.30	2.52
-do- Acc	147.50	156.90†	-0.40	2.52
UK Growth Acc	203.30	216.30	-0.90	2.23
UK High Inc	133.10	141.60	-0.30	6.45
-do- Acc	161.10	171.40	-0.40	6.45
N America Acc	112.50	119.70†	-1.50	0.32
European Acc	159.00	169.20	-0.60	0.41
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.60	64.29†	+0.05	8.79
-do- Acc	99.74	105.80†	+0.10	8.79
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.82	51.94	-0.66	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.78	75.30	-0.14	1.34

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	111.50	118.40	-1.10	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	201.90	214.50	+0.70	1.17
Eurofund	37.67	39.86	-0.14	1.00
Mngd Exempt	166.80	172.80	-0.20	3.04
Growth Inc	214.40	227.80	-1.30	3.29
High Dist	142.80	151.70	-0.30	4.94
International	319.70	339.70†	-3.60	0.96
Intl Income	80.34	85.76†	-0.47	3.03
Pacific	57.92	61.54	-0.40	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	74.46	79.11	-1.52	...
Tokyo	208.60	221.60	-4.30	...
Japan Exempt	119.50	122.70	+2.70	0.42

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	603.10	619.60	-18.30	0.08
Equity Income	121.70	129.30†	-0.20	3.87
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	141.00	149.20	-0.60	0.54
Financial	42.56	45.22	-0.14	2.83
Global Opps Inc	88.77	94.32	-0.91	2.13
-do- Acc	92.01	97.76	-0.95	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	51.71	54.94	-0.72	0.78
-do- Acc	99.26	105.50	-1.40	0.78
Japan General	161.40	171.50	-3.20	...
Preference	22.17	23.56†	-0.03	7.73
Worldwide Cap	197.50	209.90†	-1.30	3.05
World Income	84.72	89.83†	-0.31	3.30

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7281

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	176.80	188.10	...	0.90

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	103.81	109.27	-0.56	3.27
High Income	120.93	127.29	-0.46	4.75
Tst of Inv Tsts	150.65	158.58	-0.22	2.18
Special Sits	84.29	88.73	-0.56	2.31
North American	102.20	107.58	-0.84	0.89
Far Eastern	245.45	258.37†	-0.75	1.80
Intl Growth	97.73	102.87	-0.34	1.27
European	64.01	67.38†	-0.64	2.11
Smaller Cos	68.38	71.98†	-0.10	2.07

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 720 787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	224.90	239.20	...	3.74

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Units Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	126.10	134.10	-0.40	...
High Income	26.11	27.48†	-0.01	5.35

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	94.25	99.76†	-0.44	0.81
Far Eastern	138.40	148.00	-1.40	...
Oseas Income	88.57	94.99	-0.69	3.08
UK Growth	93.14	99.62†	+0.03	0.77
UK Income	100.50	107.50	-0.30	3.18
US Smaller Cos	257.60	275.50	-3.30	0.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	47.85	50.93	-0.66	...
-do- Acc	47.85	50.93	-0.66	...
Am Smllr Co	431.80	461.70	-6.50	...
-do- Acc	441.10	471.70	-6.70	...
Capital	287.70	306.00	-0.30	1.78
-do- Acc	400.60	426.10	-0.40	1.78
Cond Smllr Cos	47.13	50.56†	-0.25	0.22
-do- Acc	49.27	52.86†	-0.25	0.22
Convertible	114.90	122.20	-0.40	5.82
-do- Acc	218.20	232.10	-0.60	5.82
Emg Mark	53.26	56.90	-0.58	...
-do- Acc	53.26	56.90	-0.58	...
European	95.50	101.90	-0.20	0.90
-do- Acc	99.55	106.20	-0.30	0.90
Extra Income	291.20	309.70	-0.50	4.05
-do- Acc	416.90	443.40	-0.70	4.05
Financial	108.50	116.30	-0.30	0.24
-do- Acc	113.90	121.70	-0.30	0.24
Gilt Gth Tst	64.03	66.02	+0.18	6.34
-do- Acc	82.73	85.31	+0.24	6.34
Health Fund Inc	119.00	127.10	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	119.00	127.10	-1.80	...
Income Tst	179.80	191.20	-0.50	3.75
-do- Acc	254.80	271.00	-0.70	3.75
Intl Growth	318.70	340.70	-4.50	...
-do- Acc	353.90	378.40	-5.00	...
Japan Gen	185.00	197.70	-3.40	...
-do- Acc	186.80	199.70	-3.40	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.16	95.95	-0.43	0.86
-do- Acc	95.86	100.90	-0.40	0.86
Monthly Income	154.20	164.00	-0.10	3.92
Qrtly Inc	50.14	53.33	...	5.73
-do- Acc	50.26	53.46	...	5.73
Recovery	299.90	320.70	-1.50	0.30
-do- Acc	352.40	376.80	-1.70	0.30
UK Growth	46.33	49.51	-0.12	2.69
-do- Acc	46.33	49.51	-0.12	2.69

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	346.70	368.83	-0.04	2.65
-do- Acc	707.96	753.15	-0.08	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	108.93	115.88	-0.52	0.80
-do- Acc	112.19	119.35	-0.53	0.80
Fixed Int Dist	133.86	141.59†	+0.15	6.24
-do- Acc	226.37	239.44†	+0.25	6.24
Intl Gth Dist	77.86	82.83†	-0.76	0.69
-do- Acc	80.82	85.98†	-0.79	0.69
Nth Amer Dist	168.22	178.20†	-1.40	0.91
-do- Acc	183.17	194.04†	-1.52	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	248.08	263.92†	-3.33	0.10
-do- Acc	252.64	268.77†	-3.40	0.10
Stewardship Dist	299.66	318.81	-0.05	1.78
-do- Acc	357.33	380.14	-0.06	1.78
Stwd Inc Dist	64.23	68.33	-0.06	3.22
-do- Acc	79.46	84.53	-0.08	3.22
N Am Stwd Dist	97.23	103.44†	-0.99	...
-do- Acc	102.86	109.43†	-1.04	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	139.30	149.00	-2.10	...
European	417.30	443.50	+1.70	0.96
Far East General	227.40	243.10	-2.80	0.30
Germany	101.60	107.78	-0.10	0.42
Global Assets In	69.73	74.45†	-0.15	2.17
Global Assets Ac	73.74	78.72	-0.16	2.12
Income Inc	125.70	134.50	+0.10	6.55
International	282.40	302.00	-0.80	0.92
Intl Income	77.46	82.37†	-0.46	4.84
Japan General	379.60	403.60	-6.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.71	48.89†	+0.07	6.06
UK Capital Inc	167.80	179.50	-0.50	4.01
-do- Acc	287.00	307.00	-0.50	3.65
Uk Spec Sits	78.07	83.50	-0.03	1.52
US General	119.20	127.50	-0.90	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	118.90	127.10†	-0.70	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.81	47.92	-0.11	1.52
Cash Trust*	128.48	128.48†	+0.01	5.43
Pract Inv Inc	104.76	112.34	-0.12	4.09
-do- Acc	224.90	241.18	-0.25	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	104.83	112.42	+1.22	0.82
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.18	26.93	-1.01	8.61
High Inc	32.19	34.43	+0.03	4.76
UK Equity Inc	129.20	138.18	-0.21	3.98
Global Bond	29.08	31.06†	-0.17	5.76
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.60	100.38†	-1.23	0.39
Frontier Markets	43.58	46.73	-0.33	0.45
Global Inc Gth	119.60	127.58	-0.67	1.93
UK Intl	117.06	125.20†	-0.16	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	127.50	136.25†	-1.37	0.46

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	82.55	87.56	-0.31	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	98.59	104.03	-0.61	0.10
American Emerg	81.35	87.24	-1.42	...
Hong Kong	109.60	117.57	-0.75	2.13
Japan	224.62	248.98†	-4.43	...
Pacific Growth	156.07	167.37†	-1.19	0.39

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	129.30	138.35	...	0.37
American Gth	130.93	140.03	...	...
European Gth	67.53	72.20	...	0.42
Japan Gth	83.40	89.20	...	...
Greater China	142.74	152.66†	...	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.29	135.07	...	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.41	76.32†	...	4.61
British Growth	47.85	50.51	...	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.77	48.95	...	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	131.70	131.70	...	4.79
Gilt Fixed	125.20	132.90	+0.30	5.83
Growth Equity	288.90	308.60	+0.10	2.05
Guardhill	430.00	459.30	-0.20	2.14
Income Trust	110.80	118.30†	...	2.77
International	158.20	169.00	-1.80	0.17
Japan Trust	127.50	136.20†	-3.40	...
Nth American	254.90	272.30	-2.30	0.41
Pacific	371.50	396.80	-2.90	...
European	345.80	369.40†	-1.30	0.63

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838866

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	35.25	37.37	-0.10	1.63
-do- Acc	36.89	39.11	-0.10	1.63
Inc Adv Inc	29.54	31.32†	+0.10	3.91
-do- Acc	30.99	32.85	+0.10	3.91

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	79.51	85.17	-0.91	1.33
Equity Income	112.80	120.00	-0.30	3.44
European	134.20	142.10	-0.30	1.26
Intl Situation	75.13	79.93†	-0.84	...
Japanese	144.00	152.80	-2.60	...
North American	95.38	101.20	-1.60	0.05
Scandinavian	116.00	122.60	-1.30	...
Smaller Cos	30.06	31.98†	-0.66	1.04

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263260 Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	89.36	95.52	-1.54	...
Asian Enterprise	126.00	134.73†	-0.76	0.76
Australian	143.09	152.53	-1.02	1.19
European	377.46	399.65	-1.76	1.27
European Inc	72.37	76.52	-0.20	2.67
Euro Sml Co	119.34	127.09	-0.05	0.60
Extra Income	262.33	279.27†	-0.33	4.77
Family of Funds	71.22	76.01†	+0.05	1.01
Global Bond	56.48	60.40†	-0.11	7.76
Global Resour	...	...	...	...
High Inc	288.80	308.71†	-0.42	4.32
Income Gth	236.28	251.63†	-0.60	3.62
-do- Acc	611.17	650.89†	-1.56	3.62
International	229.62	244.85	-2.77	0.89
Japan Spc Sit	246.38	262.31	-4.38	...
Japan	214.25	227.79†	-5.16	...
N Amer	223.56	236.90†	-3.41	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	193.02	206.34	-1.61	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.21	49.67†	+0.12	8.51
Smaller Cos Div	170.69	182.95	+0.14	3.89
Special Sits	260.34	278.56	-1.21	1.74
-do- Acc	401.16	429.24	-1.86	1.74
Best of British	54.66	58.55	-0.21	2.80
Spirit of the East	...	...	...	...
Henderson TR				
Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.68	85.21	-1.28	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.56	49.60	-0.32	1.45
-do- Acc	49.30	52.52	-0.34	1.45
Far East Opps	31.43	33.63†	-0.89	0.27
-do- Acc	32.36	34.62	-0.92	0.27
General Growth	96.38	103.23	-0.37	2.83
Global Tech	122.85	131.44†	-1.91	...
Income Growth	100.52	107.50	-0.81	3.99
Income Monthly	56.96	60.91	-0.17	5.77
Japan Growth	84.34	89.68†	-1.65	...
Overseas Gth	77.19	82.23†	-0.91	1.20
Smaller Cos	74.23	79.42	-0.20	1.72
Special Opps	106.58	114.60	-0.33	1.34
Wld Spec Sits	49.85	53.47	-0.61	0.50
-do- Acc	49.96	53.60	-0.61	0.50

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.71	91.66	-0.41	1.99
Capital	153.10	163.70	-1.00	1.86
Dollar	308.50	327.80	-3.10	0.01
European	197.10	210.80	-0.90	0.63
Far East	237.60	254.10	-2.20	0.29
Financial	724.00	774.30	-3.60	1.78
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.08	27.09†	-0.16	7.77
High Yield	101.10	108.10†	...	4.48
Income	133.80	143.10	-0.40	3.38
Intl	214.20	229.00†	-2.20	0.30
Japan Tech	74.66	79.87	-1.65	...
Nat Resources	62.67	67.02	-0.15	0.48
Security	291.60	311.80	-1.30	1.86
Smaller Cos	111.80	119.50	...	1.18
Special Sits	136.50	145.90	-0.70	1.58
US Smaller Cos	68.39	73.14†	-0.86	...

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.36	27.11	+0.12	1.53
Special Features	27.30	28.00	-0.12	1.61
-do- Acc	32.23	34.24	-0.15	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.34	55.89	...	1.91
Assets Earnings	69.12	73.44†	-0.18	1.93
do Acc	82.27	87.41†	-0.22	1.93
Managed Invest	87.95	93.93	-0.77	1.17
Export Children	74.21	79.11	-0.30	1.83
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.85	50.85	...	4.40
Extra Inc	79.41	84.92†	-0.01	4.79
Gilt	28.04	29.51†	+0.03	6.69
Income Gth	38.85	41.48	-0.07	3.40
MIMster	77.92	79.63	-0.01	7.71
Preference	17.78	18.89	+0.06	6.34
UK Income	309.30	330.60	-0.70	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	58.99	62.67†	-1.25	1.21
Property Shares	64.34	68.47	-0.15	1.70
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	146.70	153.90	-0.50	3.64
European Acc	115.10	122.00	-0.70	1.72
European Dist	109.60	116.10	-0.70	1.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.40	51.47	-0.41	0.91
European Perf	117.00	124.10	-0.20	0.97
-do- Acc	119.20	126.40	-0.20	0.97
Euro Small Cos	21.44	22.83	-0.03	0.73
French Growth	66.26	70.51	-0.19	0.52
-do- Acc	70.78	75.33	-0.20	0.52
Hong K/China	68.52	72.80	-0.79	1.71
Intl Growth	52.25	55.51	-0.67	0.43
-do- Acc	52.25	55.51	-0.67	0.43
Japan Perf	34.98	37.15†	-0.90	...
Accum Units	34.98	37.15†	-0.90	...
Japan Smlr Cos	39.11	41.59	-1.03	...
Singapore Asean	80.66	85.68†	-1.13	0.29
-do- Acc	80.66	85.21†	-1.14	0.29
South East Asia	230.40	244.80	-2.20	0.97

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
US Smllr Cos	103.90	110.30†	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	105.00	111.50†	-1.20	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	84.78	90.39†	-0.48	2.15
Intl Bond	59.13	59.91	-0.32	6.07

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7364

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.82	70.16†	+0.01	5.14
Extra Income	52.70	56.06†	+0.01	6.89
Gilt Yield	120.40	127.00†	+0.20	7.12
Global Income	199.70	212.40	-0.70	4.12
High Yield	134.40	143.00†	-0.20	5.83
Smllr Cos Div	49.07	52.20	+0.15	4.02
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.41	95.12	-1.44	...
North American	75.85	80.69†	-0.71	0.42
European	129.10	137.30†	-0.90	1.63
Euro Special	74.63	79.39†	+0.01	1.70
General	258.70	274.80†	-0.80	3.25
Japan	438.60	466.60	-8.20	...
Japanese Special	247.70	263.50	-3.50	...
Master Acc	216.40	230.20	-1.10	1.34
Pacific	269.90	287.10	-1.70	0.56
Smaller Cos	101.70	108.20	-0.10	1.55
UK Equity Gth	36.40	38.72	-0.20	1.48

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	74.53	79.29†	-0.32	1.00
Extra Income	23.72	25.23†	-0.19	3.58
Far East	27.67	29.44	-0.61	0.89
Income Gwth	71.59	76.16	-0.08	2.82
Intl Growth	51.76	55.06	-0.70	0.68
Japan	67.09	71.37†	-1.04	...
Maximum Dist*	99.22	101.20†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.16	40.60	-0.53	0.27
UK Equity	85.26	90.70	-0.13	3.03

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.21	54.48†	-0.58	4.59

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	419.00	445.70	-2.30	2.78
Equity Acc	795.20	846.00	-4.30	2.78
Equity Income	91.30	97.13†	-0.14	4.79
European	96.21	102.40	-0.30	1.27
Far Eastern	184.30	196.10	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	52.94	56.32†	+0.01	6.20
Gilt	92.68	98.28	+0.10	6.26
Global Growth	67.23	71.52	-0.80	0.45
Intl Bond	57.01	60.65	-0.51	4.68
Japanese	73.20	77.87	-1.64	...
Overseas Equity	96.91	103.10†	-1.60	0.05
Pacific Gth	85.41	90.86	-0.94	0.46

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	308.30	324.80	-4.20	2.92
-do- Acc	670.40	713.20	-9.30	2.92
Contl Euro Gth	50.90	53.58	-0.44	1.32
-do- Acc	53.83	56.67	-0.45	1.32
Extra Inc	236.00	251.10	-3.60	3.90
-do- Acc	583.50	620.80	-8.80	3.90
German Gth	104.90	110.50	-1.10	0.07
-do- Acc	110.10	115.80	-1.20	0.07
Growth Port	484.80	515.80	-1.20	0.45
-do- Acc	484.80	515.80	-1.20	0.45
Income	449.80	478.60	+0.80	3.63
-do- Acc	1154.0	1228.0	+2.00	3.63
Income Port	491.40	522.80	-0.80	4.27
-do- Acc	496.10	527.80	-0.70	4.27
Japan Growth	100.30	106.80	-2.70	0.01
-do- Acc	100.70	107.20	-2.70	0.01
Master Trust	51.30	54.58	-0.20	1.39
-do- Acc	56.48	60.09	-0.22	1.39
N American Gen	181.60	193.20	-2.60	0.01
-do- Acc	209.70	223.10	-3.00	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	135.50	144.20	-3.20	0.01
-do- Acc	138.30	147.20	-3.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	201.60	214.50	+0.70	0.61
-do- Acc	213.00	226.70	-0.80	0.61
Small Cos Rec	303.20	319.20	-0.10	2.40
-do- Acc	394.90	415.70	-0.20	2.40
UK Growth	77.30	82.24†	+1.17	2.51
-do- Acc	91.08	96.90	+1.38	2.51
Worldwide Gth	275.30	292.90	-3.60	0.26
-do- Acc	405.90	431.90	-5.30	0.26

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.61	82.20	-0.10	2.80
Income	61.63	66.13	-0.01	5.20
International	56.76	60.90†	-0.63	0.70
American	58.38	62.64	-0.78	0.30
Japan	55.58	59.63	-1.34	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.65	61.86	-0.16	1.80

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	380.40	402.30	-4.50	0.92
-do- Acc	469.40	496.40	-5.50	0.92
American Rec	417.90	441.90	-5.80	0.20
-do- Acc	478.80	506.30	-6.70	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	123.60	130.80	-2.30	...
Australia Acc	165.10	174.90	-1.20	1.02
Capital	674.00	712.80	+0.90	2.46
-do- Acc	743.70	786.50	+1.00	2.46
Commodity Acc	446.80	472.50	-1.40	0.76
Compnd Gth	828.20	875.80	+1.50	2.84
Dividend	35.50	37.50	...	4.28
-do- Acc	140.50	148.60	...	4.28
Equity Inc	304.40	321.90	-0.10	4.85
European Div	58.90	62.30†	-0.20	4.14
-do- Acc	68.10	72.10	-0.30	4.14
European Gen	385.00	407.10†	-3.00	1.08
-do- Acc	483.60	511.40	-3.80	1.08
Extra Yield	385.40	407.60	+0.60	4.27
-do- Acc	1126.9	1191.9	+1.70	4.27
Far Eastern	298.20	315.30	-4.60	0.61
-do- Acc	392.20	414.80	-6.00	0.61
Fund of Inv	513.60	543.10	-0.20	2.12
-do- Acc	936.90	990.70	-0.40	2.12
General	53.70	56.80†	-0.10	3.66
-do- Acc	143.70	152.00	+0.30	3.66
Gilt Fxd Int	63.55	63.64	+0.03	7.59
do Acc	159.77	159.98	+0.06	7.59
Gold	60.50	64.00	-1.50	0.65
-do- Acc	71.20	75.30	-1.80	0.65
High Inc	25.20	26.70†	...	4.44
-do- Acc	95.50	101.40	-0.20	4.44
Intl Growth	67.90	71.80†	-0.80	0.81
-do- Acc	117.60	124.30	-1.40	0.81
Intl Inc	94.80	100.20	-0.70	4.48
Japan Gen Acc	51.60	54.60	-1.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	153.00	161.80	-3.70	...
Midland	55.90	59.10	+0.10	3.13
-do- Acc	178.90	189.30	+0.40	3.13
Recovery	36.70	38.80†	...	2.58
-do- Acc	58.40	61.70	...	2.58
Second Gen	62.40	66.00†	+0.10	3.37
-do- Acc	154.60	163.60	+0.20	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.70	64.20	-0.10	3.04
-do- Acc	115.00	121.80	...	3.04
Trustee	39.70	42.00	...	3.82
Charibond 3	114.63	...	-0.10	9.41
Charifund 2	646.40	652.90	+1.10	5.11
Pension ex 1	841.90	863.00	-0.50	4.25
NAACP Inc 3	146.82	...	+0.30	7.57
-do- Acc 3	1133.7	...	+2.30	7.57

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	135.80	145.20†	-0.46	2.07
-do- Acc	152.10	162.70†	-0.48	2.07
UK Income	112.50	120.30†	-0.25	2.59
-do- Acc	127.10	135.90†	-0.25	2.59

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	82.51	88.25	-0.67	0.45
Far East (Pacific)	134.50	142.80†	-2.30	0.64
Income Growth	71.06	76.07	...	3.45
European	68.77	73.00	...	1.18
Nth American	56.51	59.09†	...	1.01
UK Growth	75.25	79.88	-0.08	1.62
Intl Growth	94.77	100.60	-1.20	0.63
Charities	108.00	114.60	-0.10	3.83
Intl Income	68.10	72.29†	...	5.49
Japan	54.40	57.75	-0.86	...

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	185.50	197.00	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	198.20	210.70	-3.00	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	..	5.62
-do- Acc	130.10	130.10	...	5.62
European Gth	193.60	205.30	-0.70	0.78
-do- Acc	207.30	219.80	-0.80	0.78
General	460.40	491.10	-1.00	2.46
-do- Acc	875.80	934.10	-1.90	2.46
Global Dist	134.40	139.20	-0.80	5.25
-do- Acc	148.10	155.70	-1.00	5.25
Income	136.52	147.20†	-0.30	4.61
-do- Acc	204.30	217.70†	-0.30	4.61
International	388.30	413.80†	-3.20	0.68
-do- Acc	516.50	550.30†	-4.40	0.68
Japan	189.30	200.80	-4.60	...
-do- Acc	194.30	206.20	-4.70	...
New Europe	139.20	148.50	+0.40	1.75
-do- Acc	141.40	150.90	+0.30	1.75
Recovery	288.80	308.10	+0.10	2.91
-do- Acc	365.00	389.40	+0.20	2.91
European Inc	72.86	77.27†	-0.49	3.15
-do- Acc	94.15	99.86†	-0.54	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	71.66	76.50	+0.21	3.30
-do- Acc	84.52	89.99	+0.25	3.30
Portfolio	73.68	78.30	-0.14	2.89
-do- Acc	83.78	89.04	-0.14	2.89
Gold General	143.40	154.20†	-0.40	0.61
-do- Acc	146.60	157.70†	-0.40	0.61
Pacific	89.97	95.97†	-0.98	0.87
-do- Acc	96.62	106.00†	-1.00	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	53.30	56.92	-0.37	1.91
-do- Acc	59.55	63.52	+0.42	1.91

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 070

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	57.12	61.09	-0.14	2.90
-do- Acc	58.00	62.03	-0.14	2.90
British Dist	75.01	80.26	-0.30	2.13
-do- Acc	84.95	90.86	-0.34	2.13
European Gth	172.10	183.90	-0.50	0.25
-do- Acc	216.10	230.90	-0.70	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.64	73.41†	+0.02	6.26
-do- Acc	122.80	131.30	-0.30	6.26
FT-SE 100 Index	46.84	50.10†	-0.26	2.73
-do- Acc	47.54	50.85	-0.25	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	56.70	59.03	+0.06	6.82
-do- Acc	151.40	157.60	+0.20	6.82
High Yield	217.60	232.70	-0.30	4.72
-do- Acc	510.90	546.40	-0.80	4.72
Income	276.30	295.50	-1.30	3.37
-do- Acc	574.50	614.40	-2.40	3.37
Japan Gth	351.40	375.80	-7.90	...
-do- Acc	370.90	396.70	-8.30	...
Mandarin Acc	98.74	105.60	-0.60	0.46
North American	164.10	175.50	-0.90	0.25
-do- Acc	207.00	221.40	-1.20	0.25

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	261.20	278.10†	-4.00	...
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01†	+0.01	5.46
Deposit Acc	123.06	123.06†	+0.02	5.46
Euro Gth Acc	282.40	301.40†	-0.90	...
Europa	121.40	130.10	-1.00	...
Intl Gth	170.30	182.00	-2.80	...
Japan Tracker	78.91	83.60	-1.91	...
UK Equity Inc	148.10	159.50	+0.40	4.14
-do- Acc	181.60	195.60	+0.50	4.14
UK Ind Tracker	141.10	151.10	-0.10	3.18
US Eq Ind Trkr	189.70	201.20	-1.60	1.46
-do- Acc	200.70	212.90	-1.70	1.46
Asian Trader	156.00	169.10	-1.30	0.45

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	167.00	171.00	-1.30	2.18
European	60.32	61.55	-0.28	1.91
Olympiad	55.34	56.68	-0.49	0.33
Global Bond	47.56	48.50	-0.13	6.34
Smaller Cos	67.89	70.94	+0.06	0.90
Equity Income	89.88	92.33†	-0.03	5.21
UK Growth	82.25	84.82	-0.11	1.78

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bliton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 381730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	46.61	49.71	-0.26	0.99
Australian Acc	308.60	328.90	-0.10	...
Conscience	60.69	64.77†	-0.28	1.34
-do- Acc	65.51	69.91	-0.31	1.34
European	167.60	178.20	-1.10	1.17
-do- Acc	180.40	191.90	-1.00	1.17
Extra Income	71.83	76.65	-0.15	5.79
-do- Acc	109.80	117.10	-0.20	5.79
Far East Gth	162.70	173.90	-1.00	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.78	63.09	+0.08	6.53
Gold	51.06	54.90	-1.02	...
-do- Acc	54.98	59.11	-1.11	...
Income	51.39	54.81†	-0.12	5.13
-do- Acc	157.30	167.70	-0.40	5.13
International	29.42	31.56	-0.23	1.05
-do- Acc	42.27	45.35	-0.32	1.05
Jap Smr Cos Acc	349.20	372.40	-6.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	187.20	200.70	-1.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.63	26.48†	-0.06	0.87
Special Sits	31.27	33.62	-0.12	1.78
-do- Acc	36.01	38.72	-0.14	1.78
Tokyo	87.62	93.46	-1.84	...
-do- Acc	88.50	94.40	-1.87	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.00	70.22†	-0.30	2.72
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	76.83	81.31	+0.02	5.86
N&P Higher Inc	195.30	207.80†	+0.20	4.61
N&P UK Income	100.36	106.77	-0.24	3.79
N&P Intl	87.46	93.05	-0.53	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	74.97	79.76	-0.05	1.54

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	162.11	172.46†	-0.75	2.02
Global	291.52	310.13	-1.18	3.06
Growth	106.48	113.28	-0.27	1.93
Income	199.55	212.29†	-0.30	3.70
Intl Bond	130.06	138.13	-0.65	6.76

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 828577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	135.20	142.30	-0.20	2.60
-do- Acc	239.60	252.20	-0.30	2.60
Income	219.40	233.40	...	3.54

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Equity	222.80	237.00	-2.30	0.85
-do- Acc	243.90	259.40	-2.60	0.85
Equity	212.30	225.60†	-0.10	2.48
-do- Acc	435.20	462.90	-0.30	2.48
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.73	73.12	-0.24	1.99
UK Income	59.82	63.63†	...	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.80	80.64	+0.14	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.43	65.34	-0.41	1.23

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	90.23	96.51	-1.84	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	101.25	108.29	-0.69	1.38
Intl Gth	487.74	521.65	-2.89	0.77
Income	304.57	325.75	-1.30	3.30
W wide Recov	311.34	332.88	-2.93	0.40
American Gth	204.62	218.85	-0.08	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	187.14	200.16	-0.09	0.20
Far East Gth	220.01	235.31	-0.09	0.01
European Gth	112.88	120.73	-1.86	1.16
UK Growth	77.01	82.37	-0.41	2.75
High Income	82.84	88.60†	-0.25	4.35
Japanese Gth	219.60	233.64	-2.93	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	173.80	184.90	-1.70	0.69
High Income	108.30	115.20	+0.20	3.65
Conv Gilt	109.00	116.00	...	6.03
Far East	310.50	330.40	-3.00	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.64	33.66	-0.19	5.22

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	50.53	53.78†	...	0.30
Emerging Mkts	65.76	69.96†	...	0.56
General	47.05	50.05†	...	3.25
International	85.00	90.43	...	1.34
Gilt Units	25.38	26.69	...	7.22
Global PEP	34.86	37.09	...	2.09
Income Gth	64.89	69.00	...	4.75
European	43.63	46.42	...	0.65
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.49	26.05†	...	6.05

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4514
Pricechecks: 0426 925098

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	31.00	33.15	-0.20	1.75
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.62	102.11	+0.01	4.82
-do- Acc	105.76	106.28	+0.02	4.82
Pru Equity	640.66	685.19	-3.20	2.73
Pru Equity Inc	78.34	83.78	...	4.57
Pru European	173.36	185.41†	-0.61	1.18
Pru Global Gth	78.88	84.36	-0.54	1.37
Pru High Inc	84.42	90.28†	+0.21	4.99
Pru Intl	160.48	171.63†	-1.65	1.16
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.49	74.32	-0.72	0.69
Pru Japanese	203.53	217.67	-4.09	...
Pru Nth Amer	141.31	151.13	-1.10	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.88	81.15	-0.57	1.23
Pru Premr Inc	30.36	32.44†	+0.06	5.16
Pru Smllr Cos	81.30	86.95	-0.05	2.17
Pru Spec Sits	95.06	101.66†	-0.48	2.63
Pru UK Grwth	107.12	114.56	-0.44	2.51

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA Income	152.49	163.03	-0.01	3.62
FA Japan	280.58	298.04	-8.46	...
FA Mkt UK Cos	90.03	96.15†	+0.11	2.57
FA America Inc	487.20	519.32†	-6.50	0.78
-do- Acc	568.85	606.36	-7.59	0.78
FA Smlr UK Cos	267.57	289.52	+0.37	1.68
FA European	252.20	267.38	-1.75	1.51

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.52	76.09	-0.70	3.66
Capital Units	142.40	151.50†	-0.30	1.30
Commodity	112.80	120.00	-1.00	1.09
European Gth	157.40	167.40	-1.10	1.27
Financial Sec	178.30	189.70	-0.10	1.78
High Return	209.90	223.30†	+0.40	3.70
High Yield	205.20	218.30	+0.40	3.98
Income Units	109.80	116.80	+0.40	4.71
Investment	177.70	189.00	-0.10	1.27
Japan Gth	156.80	166.80	-3.60	...
Japan Smaller	184.80	196.80	-4.40	...
Masterfund	46.18	49.13†	-0.36	1.30
Scotbits	259.70	276.30†	-0.30	1.49
Scotshares	254.00	270.20	+0.20	2.54
Scotyields	223.10	237.30	+0.40	3.92
Select Intl	129.10	137.30	-1.10	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.50	243.10	+0.20	3.87
Special Situation	109.40	116.40†	-0.50	0.83
UK Equity	218.20	232.10	-0.10	2.80
US Growth	135.90	144.60	-1.60	0.39

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EL. Client line: 0800 526 535
Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	233.56	248.44	-0.82	0.59
-do- Acc	253.05	269.17	-0.89	0.59
Australian	130.44	139.13	-0.70	0.82
-do- Acc	153.35	163.57	-0.82	0.82
UK Enterprise	212.59	226.76†	-0.95	2.35
-do- Acc	268.43	284.99	-0.64	2.35
European Gth	61.48	65.41†	-0.33	1.35
-do- Acc	63.86	67.93	-0.35	1.35
Euro Smllr Cos	55.73	59.37†	-0.23	0.45
-do- Acc	56.11	59.78	-0.23	0.45
Far Eastern Gth	72.38	77.20	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	73.55	78.45	-0.40	...
Fixed Interest	54.76	57.74	+0.05	6.49
-do- Acc	66.50	70.12	+0.06	6.49
Gilt Income	105.82	111.51	+0.18	7.40
-do- Acc	147.79	155.74	+0.26	7.40
Income	319.02	340.28	-0.90	3.78
-do- Acc	941.00	1003.7	-2.67	3.78
Japan Enterprise	69.31	73.93	-1.48	...
-do- Acc	69.31	73.93	-1.48	...
Japan Smllr Cos	482.01	514.14	-8.58	...
-do- Acc	482.01	513.12†	-8.59	...
Pacific Gth	93.26	99.45†	-1.17	0.07
-do- Acc	96.01	102.40	-1.21	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.78	201.38†	-0.03	0.79
-do- Acc	218.34	232.89	-0.03	0.79
Tokyo	110.65	118.02	-1.94	...
-do- Acc	111.77	119.22	-1.95	...
UK Equity	206.80	220.59†	-0.75	2.57
-do- Acc	387.74	413.58	-1.41	2.57
US Smllr Cos	134.15	143.09	-1.13	...
-do- Acc	134.15	143.09	-1.13	...
World Fd	70.49	75.18	-0.33	2.08
-do- Acc	74.31	79.27	-0.34	2.08

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	46.47	49.49	+0.07	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.09	67.19	-0.14	1.04
European Opps	72.18	76.87	+0.20	3.22
Maximum Inc	95.61	102.18	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.54	57.02	+0.29	2.33

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	334.90	357.90	-1.70	2.91
American	244.70	259.60	-2.00	0.77
Pacific	334.80	358.10	-4.90	0.61
European	447.90	479.00	-2.30	1.20
Worldwide	79.54	85.07	-0.54	1.11

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	297.10	316.10†	+0.10	2.75

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos Eqy	207.60	220.90†	-0.10	1.65
European	328.50	349.00	-1.90	1.68
North American	250.50	266.80	-3.80	0.59
Income Plus Inc	67.30	71.60	-0.24	3.74
UK Spec Sits	66.69	70.95	-0.06	2.90

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2361/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	25.35	27.13	+0.02	2.91
Intl Growth Acc	29.28	31.34	-0.36	1.22
Market Ldrs Acc	25.60	27.40	..	3.02

FOR SCTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR. 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	399.57	...	-1.43	..
Global Bond	1100.40	...	-0.10	7.50
Japan Summit	196.04	...	-1.45	...
UK Growth	399.11	...	-0.11	3.93

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	44.03	46.79	-0.10	1.65
Equity Gth Acc	60.35	64.02	+0.30	1.54
UK Eq General	41.28	43.86	-0.20	2.28
-do- Acc	54.51	57.92	-0.30	2.28
European Acc	41.87	44.49	-0.10	1.10
Far East Acc	56.43	59.96	-1.10	0.18
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.46	33.27	...	6.28
N American Acc	42.91	45.60	-0.50	...
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	282.70	306.80	-3.90	1.41
UK Eq High Inc	35.89	38.14	-0.20	3.90
-do- Acc	42.62	45.29	+0.20	3.90
UK Lgr Cos Inc	285.80	310.10	-1.40	3.79
UK Lgr Cos Acc	372.10	403.80	+1.80	3.79

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N$253.57	N$253.79	...	1.25
US Eq	$2.111	$2.242	...	1.19
Far East Eq	Y240.5	Y255.5	...	...
Japan Eq	Y244.2	Y259.4	...	...
FT Europe	111.80	118.70	...	2.20
FT North Am	$1.710	$1.813	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y243.7	Y258.8	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.878	$1.994	...	1.53

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	337.30	359.50	-4.90	...
British	939.30	993.80	-0.20	[illegible]
European	391.70	416.40	-1.10	1.39
Japan	148.20	157.40	-3.00	...
New Pacific	296.80	316.10	-1.50	1.04
Mngd Cash	95.56	95.56†	...	5.18
Majority Stg	99.75	100.74†	+0.01	4.89
Inv Tst	190.40	201.80	...	1.38
Saints PPF	381.60	401.70	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	773.50	783.10	-2.60	3.05
N America Acc	116.10	124.20	-0.50	0.32
Far East Acc	123.00	132.50	-1.50	...
W wide Bond	61.61	65.40	-0.34	5.43
European	84.14	89.99	-0.62	0.96
Equity Income	82.07	87.78†	+0.06	4.02

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.74	36.09	-0.24	0.54
Managed Assets	117.03	125.17†	-0.31	3.22
UK Income	36.09	38.60	-0.02	3.03
UK Growth	35.81	38.30	-0.03	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.16	33.35†	-0.16	0.44

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	203.56	218.68	-1.50	0.03
-do- Acc	225.77	240.18	-1.65	0.03
British Gth	83.03	88.37	-0.52	2.05
-do- Acc	97.69	103.93	-0.61	2.05
European	90.77	96.57	-0.37	1.05
-do- Acc	95.75	101.86	-0.39	1.05
Extra Inc	184.29	196.05	-0.15	[illegible]
-do- Acc	293.99	312.75	-0.23	[illegible]
General Unit	256.13	272.48†	-3.14	2.52
-do- Acc	511.53	544.18†	-6.28	2.52
Income	319.77	340.18†	-0.93	3.65
-do- Acc	664.50	706.92†	-1.93	3.65
International	484.04	514.94	-4.81	0.41
-do- Acc	633.66	674.11	-6.29	0.41
Pacific	344.63	366.63†	-3.62	...
-do- Acc	362.01	385.12†	-3.81	...
Premier Income	51.87	54.03	+0.02	6.29
-do- Acc	108.14	112.65	+0.04	6.29
Nat Resources	134.00	142.55	-0.47	0.25
-do- Acc	147.06	156.45	-0.51	0.25
Selected Opps	96.66	102.83	-0.45	1.27
-do- Acc	121.03	128.75	-0.55	1.27

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX
071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8548

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smll Cos	71.52	76.28	-1.67	...
-do- Acc	73.76	78.67	-1.73	...
European Opps	61.26	65.19	-0.05	0.45
-do- Acc	61.89	65.86	-0.05	0.45
Far East Opps	150.29	160.30	-2.23	...
-do- Acc	153.78	164.03	-2.28	...
Japan	89.31	95.00	-1.58	...
-do- Acc	89.31	95.00	-1.58	...
Little Dragons	72.27	77.08	-0.77	0.65
-do- Acc	74.39	79.34	-0.80	0.65
Oriental Income	44.04	46.97	-0.63	3.39
-do- Acc	56.15	59.89	-0.80	3.39
Tiger	209.32	223.27	-1.01	1.18
-do- Acc	219.91	234.57	-1.05	1.18
UK Small Cos	80.79	86.39	+0.35	1.84
-do- Acc	94.25	100.79	+0.42	1.84

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasia Gold	19.23	20.45	-0.09	0.50
Pacific Basin	32.12	34.17	-0.80	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.07	37.30	-0.70	...
Global Bond	$0.975	$1.015	-0.002	7.11
Penny Share	24.42	25.97	-0.17	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.01	53.01	...	5.04
Gilt Growth	68.77	71.57	...	...
Gilt Income	52.65	54.79†	...	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	108.70	110.10	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	...	...
Challenger	95.61	97.83	...	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	66.90	71.16	-0.45	2.01

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Cadbury	2,200	MB Cardn	1,100	Scot Power	2,100
Abbey Natl	2,800	Carlton Cms	792	Marks Spr	1,700	Sears	601
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Coats Vly	2,300	NFC	855	Svrn Trent	3,000
Anglian W	1,300	Cm Union	1,300	NatWst Bk	3,700	Shell Trans	1,700
Argyll Gp	7,100	Courtaulds	2,700	Nat Power	1,000	Siebe	762
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	De La Rue	1,100	Nth Wst W	1,300	SmKl Bch	2,100
AB Foods	290	Enterpr Oil	933	Nthrn Fds	1,000	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	869	Forte	1,800	P & O	631	Std Chartd	1,800
BAT Inds	10,000	GRE	1,500	Pearson	780	Sun Allnce	2,200
BOC	2,700	GUS A	826	PowerGen	881	TI Gp	314
BP	8,500	Gen Acc	1,300	Prudential	3,000	TSB	3,900
BT	21,000	Gen Elec	1,400	RMC	410	Tate & Lyle	361
BTR	2,600	Glaxo	3,200	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	8,400
Bk of Scot	1,300	Granada	2,400	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	520
Barclays	5,000	Grand Met	3,500	Reckitt Col	776	Thrn EMI	1,100
Bass	1,600	Guinness	1,500	Redland	847	Tomkins	2,000
Blue Circle	451	HSBC	4,100	Reed Intl	969	Unilever	1,400
Boots	4,600	Hanson	8,500	Rentokil	700	Utd Bisc	1,000
Bowater	2,200	ICI	1,600	Reuters	390	Vodafone	967
Brit Aero	3,300	Inchcape	1,400	Rothmans	839	Warbrg SG	1,200
Brit Airwys	3,200	Kingfisher	1,800	Ryl Ins	2,000	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Gas	5,800	Ladbroke	3,500	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,300
Brit Steel	9,800	Land Secs	2,100	Sainsbury	4,800	Wlms Hld	709
Burmah Cast	246	Legal & Gn	690	Scot Hydro	1,200	Wolseley	294
Cable Wire	979	Lloyds Bk	3,700	Scot & New	543	Zeneca	4,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3533.60 (-1.68)
S&P Composite 445.71 (-0.32)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20038.00 (-112.92)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6846.81 (+33.09)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 118.6 (-0.8)

Sydney: AO 1806.1 (+9.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1838.99 (+2.70)

FT 30 share: 2221.3 (-13.0)

Brussels:
General 6759.43 (-5.87)

Paris: CAC 543.16 (-0.69)

Zurich: SKA Gen 533.00 (-7.80)

London:
FT A All-Share 1401.27 (-7.46)
FT 500 1504.19 (-5.79)
FT Gold Mines 221.4 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest 117.13 (-0.02)
FT Govt Secs 98.32 (+0.09)
Bargains 28067
SEAQ Volume 604.7m
USM (Datastrm) 138.28 (-0.26)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 12	July 23	October 14	October 25

Call options were taken out on 20/7/93: Avesco, Carlisle, Cray Elect, Dixons, Emess Lighting, Heritage, Fife Indmar, LIT pref, Maddox, Medeva, P&P, Regalian, Tiphook.

Puts: Carlisle, Tiphook, UK Land.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 43174)	Sep 93	2858.0	2863.0	2820.0	2824.0	14625
	Dec 93	2872.0	2872.0	2841.0	2841.5	452
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 337917)	Sep 93	94.10	94.15	94.10	94.12	10396
	Dec 93	94.28	94.33	94.27	94.30	9476
	Mar 94	94.28	94.33	94.27	94.30	3709
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 13744)	Sep 93	96.63	96.64	96.59	96.62	690
	Dec 93	96.27	96.27	96.26	96.19	329
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 657403)	Sep 93	93.30	93.32	93.26	93.27	25763
	Dec 93	93.98	94.00	93.92	93.93	19059
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 93110)	Sep 93	108-23	108-30	108-18	108-23	27017
	Dec 93	108-09	108-09	108-09	108-03	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.28	110.28	110.17	110.19	1133
	Dec 93				109.32	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 180660)	Sep 93	96.24	96.30	96.05	96.12	39689
	Dec 93	96.41	96.44	96.32	96.28	861
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 19920)	Sep 93	100.01	100.07	99.94	99.95	2912
	Dec 93				100.15	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 31049)	Sep 93	93.13	93.13	92.97	92.98	3867
	Dec 93	93.79	93.79	93.68	93.68	877
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 44085)	Sep 93	95.54	95.54	95.50	95.51	5318
	Dec 93	95.77	95.79	95.77	95.77	565
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 53397)	Sep 93	104.65	104.86	104.45	104.51	15528
	Dec 93	104.40	104.40	104.05	104.09	1269

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.6 (day's range 81.4-81.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8796-2.8916	2.8871-2.8906	1/8-1/4ds	5/8-1/2pr
Brussels	52.88-52.99	52.88-52.95	8-12ds	14-21ds
Copenhagen	9.8890-9.9470	9.8910-9.9140	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0608-1.0635	1.0611-1.0630	4-9ds	9-16ds
Frankfurt	2.5595-2.5697	2.5614-2.5647	1/8-1/4ds	3/8-5/8ds
Lisbon	248.41-250.12	249.46-249.94	100-125ds	270-349ds
Madrid	200.38-202.32	200.75-201.65	93-111ds	252-285ds
Milan	2375.30-2398.70	2394.00-2397.70	7-8ds	19-21ds
Montreal	2.5595-2.5697	2.5614-2.5647	0.35-0.27pr	0.66-0.53pr
New York	1.5010-1.5070	1.5010-1.5020	0.39-0.38pr	1.07-1.0[illegible]pr
Oslo	10.9120-10.9710	10.9120-10.9350	1/4-1ds	3/8-1 3/8ds
Paris	8.7350-8.7850	8.7580-8.7850	1 1/4-1 5/8ds	3 1/4-3 3/4ds
Stockholm	11.8650-11.9890	11.9400-11.9640	2 1/8-3 3/8ds	5 5/8-7 3/8ds
Tokyo	162.55-163.92	163.00-163.27	1/2-3/8pr	1 1/4-1 1/8pr
Vienna	18.02-18.07	18.04-18.07	7/8-1 7/8ds	2-3 7/8ds
Zurich	2.2492-2.2639	2.2608-2.2639	3/8-1/4pr	7/8-3/4pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5067-1.5093
Australia dollar	2.2278-2.2305
Bahrain dinar	0.560-0.572
Brazil cruzeiro *	97355.1-97421.1
Cyprus pound	0.753-0.763
Finland marka	8.597-8.713
Greece drachma	347.0-354.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.7074-11.7167
India rupee	46.67-47.63
Kuwait dinar KD	0.448-0.458
Malaysia ringgit	3.8797-3.8838
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.7624-2.7668
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.567-5.693
Singapore dollar	2.4452-2.4483
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8199-6.8546
S Africa rand (com)	5.0276-5.0340
U A E dirham	5.458-5.577

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4753-1.4764
Austria	11.98-11.99
Belgium (Com)	35.13-35.16
Canada	1.2783-1.2788
Denmark	6.5675-6.5695
France	5.8090-5.8110
Germany	1.7018-1.7023
Hong Kong	7.7543-7.7553
Ireland	1.4170-1.4180
Italy	1590.0-1591.0
Japan	108.45-108.55
Malaysia	2.5685-2.5695
Netherlands	1.9156-1.9161
Norway	7.2750-7.2770
Portugal	165.85-165.95
Singapore	1.6188-1.6198
Spain	133.75-134.25
Sweden	7.9441-7.9541
Switzerland	1.4960-1.4970

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 5 7/8
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 5/16; 3 mth 5 1/4. Sell: 2 mth 5 1/8; 3 mth: 5 3/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5 25/32	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 27/32-5 3/4	5 3/4-5 21/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/32-5 27/32	6 1/16-5 15/16	6-5 7/8	5 7/8-5 11/16
Interbank:	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6-5 7/8	5 7/8-5 11/16

Overnight: open 6 1/8, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 15/16	n/a	5 15/16	5 13/16	5 7/8
Sterling CDs:	5 31/32-5 29/32	5 31/32-5 29/32	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 13/16-5 3/4	5 5/8-5 1/2
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.05	n/a	3.20-3.15	3.37-3.32	3.59-3.54
Building Society CDs:	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	5 13/16-5 3/4	5 5/8-5 9/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993, Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/8-2 7/8	3 1/4-3	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 1/8-2 7/8
Deutschemark:	7 1/4-7	7 1/4-7 1/8	7 1/8-7	6 13/16-6 11/16	7 3/8-6 7/8
French Franc:	7 7/8-7 5/8	7 7/8-7 5/8	7 7/8-7 5/8	7 1/8-6 7/8	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4 7/8-4 5/8	4 7/8-4 1/2	4 11/16-4 9/16	4 5/8-4 3/8	5-4
Yen:	3 1/4-3	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/4-3	3 1/8-2 7/8

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.40-391.80 Close: $392.30-392.80 High: $392.70-393.20 Low: $391.00-391.50 Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£260.00-262.00)

Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.50 (£59.75-61.75) New $91.00-93.50 (£59.75-61.75)

Platinum: $405.50 (£269.00) Silver: $5.07 (£3.37) Palladium: $139.60 (£92.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	53	65½	73½	1	6	13
(*549)	550	8	31	41½	7	22½	32
Argyll	300	8½	22½	28	3½	12½	18½
(*302)	330	1	8½	14½	27	31	36
ASDA	57	6½	9	-	1	3½	-
(*63)	67	1	4	-	5½	9	-
Boots	420	15½	33	41	2½	14	22½
(*429)	460	1	14	22	29½	36½	44½
Br Airways	287	25	37	42½	1	8½	13½
(*310)	316	4	18½	25½	9½	20	26½
BP	280	8½	18	24	2½	12	18
(*285½)	300	1½	9	15	16	23	28
Br Steel	100	4½	11	16	2½	7	9½
(*102½)	110	1	7	11½	9½	12½	15½
C & W	750	17½	47	62½	5½	23	34½
(*759)	800	1½	23	36	42	52½	62
CU	580	51	56½	-	1	9	-
(*630½)	629	8½	34½	-	9	30	-
ICI	633	13½	32½	48½	6½	29½	37
(*640)	657	3½	21½	37	21½	45	51½
Kingfishr	584	9	30	-	5½	23½	-
(*588)	632	1	11	-	48	54½	-
Land Sec	600	9½	30½	41	5½	17½	26½
(*606)	650	1	9½	19½	48½	50½	56½
M & S	330	6½	20	26	4½	13½	18½
(*330)	360	1	8	13½	29½	32	35½
Nat West	500	5½	20½	32	10½	27½	33
(*490)	550	1	5½	14½	57½	65½	68½
Sainsbury	420	34½	48	55½	1	7½	14
(*450)	460	4½	23	32	12	24	30½
Shell	600	12½	27	37	4	20½	27½
(*606½)	650	1	6½	17	43½	54½	58½
Smkl Beh	420	8	26½	38½	8½	24½	31½
(*418)	460	1	12	23	44	51½	56½
Storehse	180	14½	22	26½	1	5	9
(*191½)	200	2	9½	15	9	14½	19
Trafalgar	101	3	9	-	3½	7½	-
(*100)	110	1	5½	8½	11½	14½	17½
Unilever	950	13	46½	62½	10½	30½	42½
(*948½)	1000	1½	23½	38½	50½	60	68
Zeneca	600	8½	29½	42½	5½	29½	37
(*604½)	650	1	10½	22	49½	64½	69½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	13	29½	39½	3	14	26
(*398)	420	1½	15½	26½	23	31	42½
Ladbroke	180	5	14	18½	4	14	18
(*180)	200	1	6	11	21	28	31
Utd Bisc	360	9	27½	37	5½	18	29
(*360½)	390	1½	15	24½	29	36½	47½

July 20, 1993 Tot: 20609 Call: 9708 Put: 10901 FT-SE Call: 3544 Put: 4844
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	39	61½	66½	3½	15	22
(*729½)	750	8	32½	38½	25½	37	45½
Thames W	460	20½	34½	38	3½	15½	19
(*475)	500	2½	14	18	28	38	41½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	10	20	33½	20	26	30½
(*428)	450	2½	13½	23½	37	43½	47
BTR	360	11½	21½	28	5	15½	17½
(*365½)	390	1½	8	14	27	34½	36
Br Aero	390	28	48	63½	9	29	40
(*398)	420	12½	35	49	26½	47	56
Br Telecm	390	26½	31	34	2½	12½	18½
(*413½)	420	6½	15½	19½	13½	28½	34½
Cadbury	420	21	33	43½	4	15	20½
(*433½)	460	3	14	24	28½	37	42
Guinness	420	39	51½	62	2	9½	16½
(*453½)	460	9½	27	38	14	26½	33½
GEC	300	28½	36½	41	1½	4½	8
(*323½)	330	5½	16½	22	9	15½	19½
Hanson	220	17½	22	25	1½	6	10
(*238)	240	4	11	14½	8½	15½	19½
LASMO	130	9	15½	20½	4	10	14
(*134)	140	4	10½	15½	9½	16½	19
Lucas	140	8½	17½	21½	3½	11	14
(*146½)	160	2½	8½	13	16	23½	26
Pilkingtn	130	7	14	15½	4	9	13½
(*132)	140	3	9	11	10½	15	19½
Prudential	330	23½	31	37	2	9½	13
(*345)	360	4½	14	21½	15	25	28
Redland	460	28½	43½	52	5	23	29
(*480)	500	6½	23½	33½	26	44½	50
Royal Ins	317	11½	22½	30	7	15½	19
(*314)	346	2	9½	17	28½	33½	36½
Tesco	200	10	20½	25½	4	12	15
(*204)	220	3	11	16½	16½	23½	26½
Vodafone	420	29	46½	54	4	14½	21½
(*443)	460	6	24½	33	23	34	41
Williams	300	19½	27	34	3	13	16½
(*313½)	330	3½	12½	19½	18½	30½	34

FT-SE INDEX (*2822)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Aug	131	88	57	30	15	5
Sep	143	105	73	48	30	17
Oct	159	122	92	66	44	30
Nov	176	141	112	86	64	47
Dec	199	-	125	-	78	-
Puts						
Aug	10	18	33	63	98	145
Sep	22	31	48	76	111	149
Oct	29	47	66	91	120	157
Nov	47	58	81	105	134	168
Dec	54	-	90	-	143	-

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	23½	35	42½	8½	15½	23
(*402)	420	7½	20½	27	26	31½	38½
Amstrad	30	4	5½	6½	2	3	3½
(*31½)	35	2	3½	4½	5	6	6½
Barclays	460	32	44	52½	8½	16	23½
(*477)	500	9	23½	31½	30	36½	44½
Blue Circ	240	16½	23½	29½	8½	17	20½
(*244½)	260	7½	14½	20½	21	29	32
Br Gas	280	20½	24½	29	4½	10½	14
(*291½)	300	8½	13	19	13	21½	24½
Dixons	180	25½	33	37	3½	7½	11½
(*199)	200	13	21	25½	11	16½	20
Forte	220	15½	22	29	9½	16½	21
(*223)	240	6½	13½	19½	21	28½	32
Hillsdwn	140	8½	14	17	9	15	16½
(*138½)	160	3	6½	9½	24½	28½	30
Lonrho	130	7½	14	17½	10½	14½	18
(*129)	140	4	10	14	17	20½	24½
Sears	90	9½	11½	13	2	4	5
(*95½)	100	3½	6	7½	6½	9½	10½
Thrn Emi	900	41	59½	68½	23	34½	45½
(*932½)	950	12½	35	45½	54½	63	72
Tomkins	200	24	28½	32½	3½	7½	10½
(*220)	220	9½	16½	21½	12	16½	19½
TSB	180	26	30	33	2½	5½	9
(*198½)	200	11½	17½	21½	9	14	18
Wellcome	600	45½	63½	75½	17	36	45½
(*620)	650	21	38½	52	45	64	71½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	500	46½	57	66	11	28	38
(*529½)	550	19½	32½	45½	36	56½	65½
HSBC	600	53½	71	86½	14	26	42½
(*629)	650	23½	44	60½	36½	50	67
Reuter	1350	71	121½	139	31½	60½	91½
(*1390)	1400	43	85½	111	56	86½	114

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	130	16	19½	22	3½	9	10½
(*139½)	140	9½	14½	17	8½	14	16

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	7	17	20½	3	10½	15
(*163)	180	1	8½	11½	17½	23	27½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Ele	460	28	43	49½	2½	10½	16½
(*484)	500	5	20	28	21	29	35½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	34	43½	47½	3	8	12½
(*357½)	360	14½	25	29½	13½	20	24
Scot Pwr	300	16	21½	-	8	12½	-
(*321)	330	5	12	16	21	24½	28

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta futures closed firmer but below the day's highs with the market showing signs that it might be poised for an upside breakout of its recent range. Cocoa futures closed mostly lower with the market still in a consolidation phase following its recent run up to a 19 month peak. White sugar futures were narrowly mixed in thin trading, in late afternoon trade.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Jul	753-750	Sep	813-812
Sep	762-761	Dec	825-823
Dec	771-770	Mar	840-835
Mar	784-783	May	852-850
May	794-793		
Jul	803 BID		Volume: 3693

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	980-975	Mar	1008-1005
Sep	1002 BID	May	1013-1010
Nov	1009-1008	Jul	1013-1008
Jan	1007-1005		Volume: 5917

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	275.3-71.6
Spot: 268.0		Aug	280.2-74.1
Oct	266.0-64.0	Oct	272.0-64.6
Dec	267.9-65.0	Dec	275.0-62.6
Mar	271.4-68.5		Volume: 544

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	79.07	92.69	130.71
(+/-)	-2.71	-6.56	-4.89
Eng/Wales	78.54	92.88	129.11
(+/-)	-16.4	-14.6	-9.5
(%)	-1.77	-6.67	-4.80
Scotland	80.93	91.88	135.56
(+/-)	-5.56	-5.99	-6.12
(%)	-47.3	+20.3	-8.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	unq	unq	Oct	unq	unq
Aug	unq	unq		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.10
Nov	107.70
Jan	109.95
Mar	112.05
May	114.15
Volume: 549	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	102.65
Nov	104.95
Jan	107.45
Mar	109.90
May	111.00
Volume: 41	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	184.00
Oct	184.00
Dec	185.00
Feb	185.50
Apr	186.50
Volume: 25	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	92.5	91.9
May	unq	98.5
Volume: 58		

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No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Aug 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Following Monday's fireworks, players opted to await further direction, perhaps from last night's stats.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.65	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.65	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.70	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	17.30	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.85	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	194 (n/c)	196 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	158 (+1)	159 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	160 (+2)	161 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	161 (+2)	162 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	58 (n/c)	60 (-1)
Naphtha	162 (+2)	164 (+2)

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GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	157.75-58.00	Nov	163.25-63.50
Sep	158.75-59.00	Dec	165.75-66.00
Oct	161.25-61.50	Jan	167.25-67.75
			Vol: 11563

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.73-16.74	Dec	17.19 BID
Oct	16.89 BID	Jan	17.35 SLR
Nov	17.03-17.06		Vol: 31726

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	182.00-85.50	Nov	unq
Sep	179.00-83.00	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 22

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1339	1330	1338
Aug 93	1315	1310	1310
Sep 93	1341	1341	1358
Oct 93	1395	1380	1395

Vol: 287 lots. Open int'st: 3670 Index: 1361 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mths	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1895.0-1896.0	1904.0-1905.0	1891700
Lead ($/tonne)	387.50-388.00	401.50-402.00	163275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	930.00-930.50	947.00-947.50	501150
Tin ($/tonne)	4962.0-4967.0	5020.0-5025.0	9025
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1170.0-1170.5	1193.5-1194.0	1707000
Nickel ($/tonne)	4850.0-4851.0	4910.0-4912.0	72312

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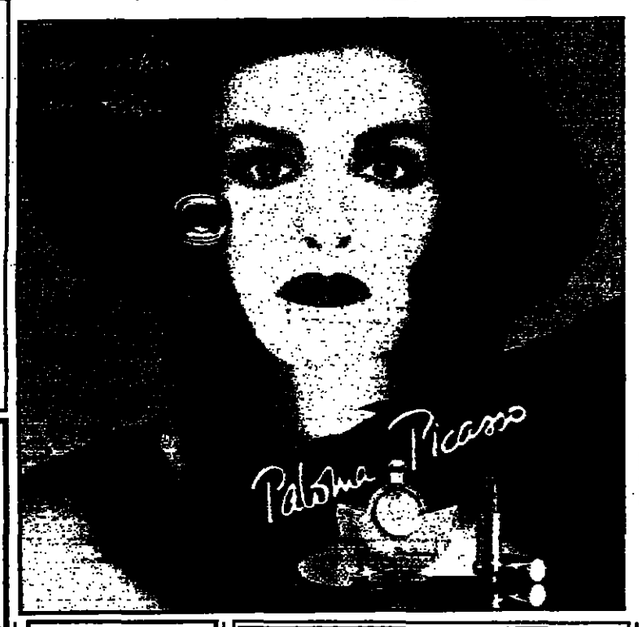
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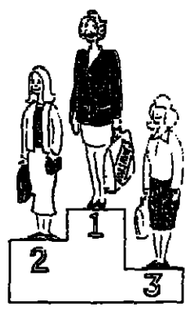
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Britain's newest musical ambassadors may be about to lose public funding. **Richard Morrison** reports

United Nations gig goes to a band on the run

The United Nations has more vital humanitarian tasks than coming to the aid of threatened London orchestras. Nevertheless, yesterday's announcement at the Foreign Office could not have come at a better time for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, as it battles against the axe-wielding bureaucrats at the Arts Council who want to stop funding two of London's four symphony orchestras.

The RPO will mark the UN's *fiftieth anniversary by touring* 40 countries between 1995 and 1997. Along the way, the orchestra's own fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated. The tour, conducted by the RPO's music director Vladimir Ashkenazy, will include a concert in San Francisco on the fiftieth anniversary of the signing in that city of the UN Charter — and, on United Nations Day in 1996, a concert in the UN building in New York. Other planned locations for *concerts include the Victoria Falls and* the Taj Mahal.

By then, there is a bizarre but distinct possibility that the RPO will have been deemed *orchestra non grata* by the Arts Council, and have had its (already meagre) public funding of £400,000 a year removed. The ensemble described by John Major yesterday as "one of our distinguished orchestras" may find itself in a curious position of being Britain's most visible musical *ambassador, yet deemed unworthy* of subsidy at home.

This is not a scenario that Paul Findlay, the RPO's new managing director, is prepared meekly to accept. A veteran of innumerable bruising financial battles at Covent Garden, where he was the Royal Opera's director, Findlay has now revealed his strategy for taking the *RPO from its present* Cinderella position in London's music-making — the orchestra with a notoriety for doing "commercial" work and pops evenings — into a position where it can contend seriously for a big increase in public funding. And that strategy depends largely on undermining the concept of what a "London orchestra" is:

"This orchestra has *done its* damnedest to get out to the people," Findlay asserts. "It does far more work outside London than in it. What has saddened the players is that although they have responded to all the Arts Council's requirements — they have toured the regions more than any other orchestra, despite having the least public funding — *recognition of* their achievement has not come."

Hence Findlay's decision to put a new motto on the RPO's masthead: "Britain's national orchestra". It is a clever ploy, because it questions the notion that London has too many orchestras (or "a bit of a crowd" as the Arts Council's secretary-general, Anthony Everitt, breezily *puts it*). Dare the Arts Council now cut the very London orchestra which says it will concentrate on national and international work? That will seem like the worst



'We need the London base to attract the top soloists'
— Paul Findlay

sort of blinkered metropolitan chauvinism.

Findlay has made another crafty *move. For years the Arts Council* bureaucrats have been trying to persuade one orchestra or another to relocate to Nottingham and serve a region that has an acoustically excellent hall but no resident orchestra. Now, as if by magic, it seems that the RPO is close to clinching a deal that will make Nottingham's music-lovers very *happy*.

"Relocating entirely to Nottingham was never going to work," says Findlay. "We need the London base to attract top soloists and conductors, who find it acceptable to appear in the regions if you can also offer them a showcase in the Festival Hall. But in the last four months we have been talking to *Nottingham* officials about a residency.

"Subject to raising enough private funds, we will start one in the 1994-95 season. It will mean giving concerts in Nottingham every month, underpinned by a big community and education programme in the region."

Educational work is something else that Findlay wants the orchestra to engage in, profusely and publicly. As for the RPO's reputation for being uninterested in playing adventurous programmes — well, Findlay maintains that it was never deserved in the past, and will be strongly refuted in future.

Robert Ponsonby, the former boss of Radio 3, has been brought *in to give RPO programming the* intellectual equivalent of street-credibility. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies will be supplying the orchestra with new works to the end of the century.

The RPO's light-music subsidiary, the Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, will continue. But it will be renamed as the Royal Philhar*monic Concert Orchestra* — a subtle change, but you get the message. No more easy targets for snide critics.

"It has been convenient for many people to go on about the RPO's commercial image," says Findlay. "Why don't you ask the other orchestras how much commercial work they turn down? The fact is, every orchestra in Britain fights for all it can get.

"Public funding is low. Musi*cians have to eat. Moreover, many* British musicians like the mixture: they like to rest from heavyweight concerts on the South Bank and go off and play for 17,000 people in Leeds Castle on a beautiful summer's evening."

Findlay believes that we benefit from a plurality of orchestras. He argues that, for a comparatively tiny state investment (the Berlin Philharmonic receives more than twice the subsidy of all the London orchestras put together), our orchestras generate a huge number of concerts covering a wide repertoire. They win a remarkably high proportion of the world's recording and foreign touring work, and maintain good standards. "All the London orchestras are concerned about the accusations of inferiority that are flying around at present," he says.

That is the crux of the matter. All those meaningless old phrases — about creating "a world-class orchestra in London as fine as in Vienna, Berlin or Chicago" — have been wheeled out again recently, apparently unencumbered by any contact with reality. The deadliest concert at the Festival Hall in the last year, for instance, was arguably that played by the Vienna Philharmonic under James Levine: it received worse notices than any London orchestra has for years.

Yet London orchestral players are persistently told, by bureaucrats or music journalists (most of whom have long since ceased reviewing concerts by such "ordinary" *ensembles as the RPO), that* their standards are not world-class. The players naturally wonder whether this is an informed musical judgment based on careful listening, or a piece of stale hearsay doing the rounds of north London dinner parties.

And they also wonder why arts administrators in Britain are such fickle and spineless creatures. They wonder, for instance, when the Arts Council is going to explain why the London Philharmonic has had its Festival Hall residency declared null and void, in effect, just nine months after it began. After all, setting up the residency was intend*ed as the first step towards creating* a "world-class orchestra" on the South Bank . . .

"Remember that the RPO decided not to compete for that residency," says Findlay. "And it is not yet certain that we will compete for this new money. Who knows what the criteria are? We haven't been told. Who knows how much the new slice of money is? We don't know that either."

The only certain thing is that the British orchestral world has again been thrown into turmoil. Whenever bureaucrats reach for the word "rationalisation", all those who love the arts should man the barricades. *Luckily, the London orchestras* need no lessons in the art of survival.

● *In The Times tomorrow, Bryan Magee defends the Arts Council's orchestral policy*

TIM DALY



School day: Roy Benson, double-bass player with the RPO, working with an East Sussex pupil

PROMS

Forward in metres

The first of the year's Proms commissions poses problems. John Buller's *Bacchae Metres* does not attempt to reinvent and condense for instrumental forces the story of last year's *opera The Bacchae. Rather, it* explores in abstract terms the classical metres used in the five principal choruses of that work.

What he has arrived at is a curiosity: music in which ritual repetition of rhythmic fragments dominates, and where, because of the brevity of each fragment, melodic ideas are often limited to *simple, pentatonic snippets. But the* work is not an empty minimalist exercise. Too many metres at too many tempos are brought into play, simultaneously or in collision with each other or overlapping, for that to be the case.

The repetition is carefully localised, the diversity of pitches and timbres maximised. Clearly *Buller the intellect is aiming at a* complex accumulation, a piece that lifts itself onto another plane.

But there are other Bullers, and Buller the sensualist is ever ready to decorate Buller the classicist's severe basic ideas with some wonderfully opulent orchestral effects. The ending, for instance, an instinctive winding down, is lovely, *and throughout there are marvel*lously incandescent swoops and flourishes, some splendid *Priam*-like fanfares.

Yet these effects somehow end by sounding like compromise. What does Buller really want his music to be? A new and complex variety of neo-classicism, or something more personal and indulgent? Or perhaps he has simply explored such unfamiliar aesthetic territory that the mind has not yet adjusted.

At the Lalbert Hall, **Andrew Davis** conducted the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in a typically determined and well prepared first performance. How much more at ease they sounded, however, in Sir Michael Tippett's Fourth Symphony, that life-to-death compound movement composed in 1976 and at last treated here as it should be: like an established repertoire piece.

The thorny problem of the breathing effect seems to have been solved by some technological miracle — it sounded natural and unaffected. With resonant horns and brilliantly arabesquing woodwinds *this complex mosaic, by* turns glittering, exultant, tough and warm, seemed to wind its arms around the audience in a huge, knowing embrace.

It was a perfect balance to that earlier English masterpiece, Elgar's Cello Concerto, which the BBCSO's principal cellist **Paul Watkins** gave with an intensity *that perhaps amounted to a slight* over-selling of the work, but which was gratifyingly warm, communicative and brilliant.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Instant fame? Not so sudden

Hilary Finch meets the composer George Benjamin, artistic director of the South Bank's 'Meltdown'

Meltdown, the name of a festival of per*forming arts* which has just opened at the South Bank, could also pretty accurately *describe the state of* mind of its artistic director last week. Composer George Benjamin completed his new orchestral work, to be unveiled at the festival tonight, with just *hours to spare.*

Sudden Time had been germinating for ten years. A major orchestral work, it flows from two smaller pieces: the five-minute *Casoade* of 1990, and *Helix*, a three-minute orchestral burst commissioned by Sir Isaiah Berlin for a concert in Jerusalem last year.

Its birth had to wait until Benjamin could find the right techniques — something about which he is fastidious. Months are spent with sketch books, reading, experimenting, analysing the music of others, exchanging ideas in his monthly encounters with his Royal College students.

Sudden Time, like Benjamin's 1981 vocal work, *A Mind of Winter*, takes its name from a line in a poem by Wallace Stevens: "It was like sudden time, in a world without time . . ." For Benjamin, a verbal conceit or image can focus a creative process already slowly at work in his mind. Here, his own music had been, over a long period, teasing out the complexities of the medium unique to it: that of time itself. Time experienced and time perceived; time as elastic, warping, then straightening out again.

Benjamin tried to describe the process. "Throughout the piece, the techniques — not just the themes — are *mutating*. Sometimes a simple melodic idea will become an *enormous texture*. Then, from a chaotic density, it will furl back to simplicity and unity.

"Now, these approaches begin to affect the *temporal* sense of the music. That's where the title comes in. Music has to have some sort of pulse. To have a regular pulse, like in the Classical period, can sound pretty dreadful today. So here, the music is based on a very simple metrical foundation. But throughout, the distances between the pulses warp, buckle and change, sometimes at three or four rates simultaneously.

Time has certainly buckled sharply for Benjamin himself. In 1980, his masterly and evocative orchestral work, *Ringed by the Flat Horizon*, was created when he was 20; and he was hailed across Europe as the great hope of the new decade. Messiaen, with whom he had studied since he was 16, declared that his "timbres, harmonies et rhythmes sont choisis avec un discernement exceptionnel". In the 1980s, works were flowing from Benjamin at the rate of more than one a year. In 1986, the Kings Lynn Festival held what *The Sunday Times* called a "reverential retrospective" *of Benjamin's* music. He was just 26.

How did he cope with the ever-increasing burden of expectation? "The problem is what I expect of *myself*. Some *of the things that* were said then were just silly hype. But when it came from people like Messiaen and Boulez, it was encouraging."

But as the decade turned, new works have been much slower to appear. "In the Eighties, I forced pieces out of myself. I accepted wrong commissions. You should only speak when you have something which you are *able* to say. We don't now have a vernacular which enables us to churn out, say, another serenade in G."

Benjamin looked to electronic music, just once, in the recently published *Antara* for 16 players and electronic equipment. He has been using it as the focus for a month-long project, linked to the Meltdown festival, on "demys*tifying computer music*" for GCSE teachers and pupils.

And opera? A question buzzing loudly in the air in recent weeks has been whether it is really possible to compose opera now. "To write well for the voice, as it moves about on stage, you simply have to be more restricted in your use of intervals than I often find in modern opera. One of the problems are these intervals of sevenths and ninths, which were so important for the new harmonic language at the turn *of this century. It automatical*ly creates zig-zags in the melodic line. It's a genuine, catastrophic problem which has to be addressed."

● *Benjamin's Sudden Time is premiered tonight in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800) at 8nm*

MARTIN BEDDALL



George Benjamin: As a young man, he studied with the composer Olivier Messiaen

Fine city, poor shows

Rodney Milnes is disappointed by this year's opera at Aix-en-Provence

There are many inviting aspects to Aix, founded in 1948 and thus one of the oldest established Euro*pean summer festivals — the* consistently interesting programming, the extraordinary beauty of the city, the friendly warmth of everyone involved (standing proof of the rule that the further away you get from Paris, the nicer the French are), and the tradition of engaging British artists, much in evidence this year. There are few better places to be. If only the opera were better.

***Orlando** is well up in Han*del's Top Ten, a comprehensive study of love in all its *aspects: romantic, unrequited* and — literally — infuriating, based as it is on Ariosto's *Orlando furioso*. The psychotherapy practised in Act III is astonishingly modern. It is also one of the most free in form of Handel's operas.

The presence of William Christie and Les Arts Floris*sants* in the pit was an inviting prospect, but in the event proved marginally disappointing. The sound was oddly string-heavy, with woodwind adding colour rather than spice, and the *horns* barely audible in Orlando's magnificent Act I aria. Christie took a *strangely "romantic" view of* the score, with some gluti*nously* slow tempos and long-drawn-out ritardandos, like some bad-old-days Victorian *Messiah* of legend. But, conducting as much 17th-century music as he does, I suppose Handel *is a romantic to him.*

The production by Robert Carsen was a ragbag of chic, unconnected ideas that were no substitute for a coherent visual and dramatic language through which to present the opera to a modern audience. The Persian magician Zoroaster in a grey business suit; *Dorinda turned from a shep*herdess into a laundress, in the third act ironing the sheets *she had washed in the first*, and in her last aria going down into the auditorium to do a number with the conductor and a member of the audience; a stream for everyone to splash about in; a naked woman of dubious relevance: a catalogue of effects without causes.

The humour of the piece was ignored, the compassion with which Handel treated mental affliction overwhelmed by mere scenery-chewing stage madness. The potential for *visual fantasy suggested by* the exotic characters was dimly served by Antony McDon*ald's penny-plain decor and* the producer's frequent recourse to Stygian darkness.

The singers did what they could. Had there been a show, Rosa Mannion (Dorinda) would have stolen it with her consistently beautiful tone and graceful phrasing. Felicity Palmer (Orlando) for the most part sang gloriously, using her formidable chest register to fine dramatic effect, but in the *interest of verisimilitude in the* Mad Scene she came off the notes too often, and later produced cackles more suitable to the Witch in *Hansel and Gretel*.

I hope Rosemary Joshua (Angelica), a prodigiously gifted soprano, will soon progress beyond mechanical efficiency to truly expressive artistry — it's a matter of thinking about what you're singing, and why. *Harry van der Kamp dealt* impressively with Zoroaster's bass roulades, and Jennifer Lane was a capable Medoro.

Giorgio Marini's production of **Don Giovanni** was new in 1992 and not liked. Regulars assured me that it was much improved on revival, in which case I thank my lucky stars I didn't see it last year. It was dreadful, aimlessly directed in sets of startling ugliness, routinely conducted by Armin Jordan with the English Chamber Orchestra firmly on auto-pilot.

Once more, thank heavens for some of the singers, for John Mark Ainsley's elegantly sung Ottavio (he was made to play the man as a wimp), for *Deborah Riedel stepping in at* the last minute as a spirited and accurate Elvira, for Hillevi Martinpelto's sterling Anna, and for Giovanni Furlanetto's lubriciously Italianate Leporello. But not for William Shimell's coarsely sung Giovanni.

LONDON

PROMS: Peter Neumann conducts the *Cologne Chamber Choir, accompanied* by the period instrument ensemble Collegium Cartusianum, in Bach's Mass in B minor
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

KRONOS QUARTET: The world's *most fashionable string quartet hosts its* own five-day festival. The music on offer includes Kronos commissions from American composers such as Philip Glass, Henry Cowell and John Zorn (tonight, 7.30pm); works by Gorecki, Kancheli, Arvo Pärt and Sofia Gubaidulina (Friday, 7.30pm), and *typically eclectic collaborations with* saxophonist Steve Lacy and the Thomas Mapfumo Band (Saturday, 7.30pm)
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight-Sat

MELTDOWN: Described as "an explosion of music, dance, film and *performance", this week-long South* Bank festival of "the dangerously interesting", takes place under the artistic direction of the composer George Benjamin. One of the musical highlights happens tonight with a concert by *the LPO in which Franz* Welser-Möst conducts works by Messiaen and Alexander Goehr, and Benjamin conducts *a new work of his* own. See interview, page 33
South Bank, London SE1. (071-928 8800). Tonight, 8pm.

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: The acclaimed dance academy give a short run of outdoor performances. This year's programme includes *Checkmate* (de Valois/Bliss), *Solitaire* (MacMillan/Arnold), *Simple Symphony (Hart/Britten) and National Dances*
Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London W8 (071-602 7856). Tonight-Sat, 8pm

MISCHA'S PARTY: Barry Foster in the *title role of a play set against the 1991* Moscow coup. Co-written by the American Richard Nelson and the *Russian Alexander Gelman.*
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Opens tonight, *7pm, then in repertoire.*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Mark Elder conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Weber's Overture, *Euryanthe*, Beethoven's Piano Concerto *No 2 (soloist, Dmitri Alexeev) and* Mahler's Symphony No 4. Amanda Roocroft sings the soprano solo.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 (021-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm.

DEVON: The enigmatic guitarist, Rainer, who comes from the Arizona desert has become something of a cult sensation since his haunting blues performances in London last autumn and gives a concert tonight.
Loddiswell, nr Kingsbridge, S. Devon, *Hazlewood (0548 821232). Tonight,* 8pm

OXFORD: *The City of Oxford Theatre* Guild in association with the Oxford Playhouse presents *Richard II* as its annual summer Shakespeare production, one of the most famous stories about the corrupting force of the lust for power.
Magdalen College, Oxford, OX1, tonight-Sat 31 July, then at **Oxford Playhouse**, Beaumont Street, OX1, Tue 3 Aug-Sat 7 Aug (0865 798600) Opens tonight, 7.45pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BROTHER TRUCKERS:** Everett Quinton directs and stars in the Ridiculous Theatrical Company's weird and wonder-filled production about the lives of the men who haul trash and the women who love them. From the school of The Mystery of Irma Vep and direct from a New York run
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

☐ ***COMEDIANS:*** *Tim McInnerny plays* the bitter and rejected comic in a well-staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play *Last week.*
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING:** Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, *of jealousy between* siblings, leading to fratricide and parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm.

■ ***GREASE:*** *Back to the Fifties:* greased hair and neon sox. Teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ ***THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.*** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. *With Alex Jennings. Last week.*
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by *material success*
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins*

☐ **LUST:** Following their *Slice of Saturday Night* the Heather Brothers put *The Country Wife* to music: 21 numbers and Denis Lawson as the rake who pretends to be impotent. See review, right.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. 140 mins.

■ ***THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III.*** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the *performance of his life*
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm.

☐ ***MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:*** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, *proves funnier and friendlier than many a* subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ ***OLEANNA:*** *David Suchet, Lia* Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ ***POUNDING NAILS INTO THE FLOOR WITH MY FOREHEAD:*** Also known as The Dog Show: Eric Bogosian, *billed in New York as the* Lenny Bruce of the 1990s, offers a tour round the dark corners of the male psyche. Six performances only.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8pm and 10pm.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter *Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt* emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, *St Martin's Lane, WC2* (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm, 150mins.

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NEW RELEASES

BARAKA (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik
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EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. *With Matthew Modine, Lara* Flynn Boyle
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): *Liberated newcomers upset the calm of* a Swedish village. Humane comedy from British-born director Colin Nutley. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ ***JURASSIC PARK*** *(PG): Michael* Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Stephen Spielberg
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) *on release across the country*

CURRENT

▼ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's *criminal gets reborn as a* government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne, director, John Badham.
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◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester *Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's* baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
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UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly *games and damaged friendships* between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from *Claude Sautet.*
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain: a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero *Antonutti, Assumpta Serna.*
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
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◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh.
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THEATRE: Vigorous Restoration comedy enfeebled by musical adaptation

Tunes water down Wycherley

Lust
Theatre Royal, Haymarket



Cutting a sexual swathe: Horner (Denis Lawson, left), *Margery (Sophie Aldred) and Pinchwife* (Julian Curry) in the Heather Brothers' *Lust*, based on Wycherley's *The Country Wife*. Drawing by Bill Hewison

NO, SOHO has not moved four blocks south. Nor are there sleazy dudes outside the theatre enticing unwary tourists in among the chandeliers and gilded cupids to watch the bar staff do striptease. Indeed, a careful management has put "circa 1661" beneath the word "Lust" on its posters, by way of warning off the dirty-mac classes or at least ensuring they visit the dry cleaners before they see the show. If there is porn here, it is clearly classy, neo-classical porn, best appreciated by Restoration scholars; or so the advertising implies.

The truth, sadly, is more banal. *Lust* is called *Lust* in the same way that a musical about Oedipus might be called *Pride* or *Hubris*, or one based on the works of John Osborne be called *Anger*. As shows about Deadly Sins go, it is also about as much fun as they would be. That bald, blunt title conceals an unexciting, uninspired *attempt to turn Wycherley's Country Wife* into a cheery singalong: lust less as come-on than as put-off.

The original idea seems pretty dubious. *The Country Wife* is high-toned bawdry, packed with wit and sophisticated mischief. It would take composers and librettists of rare talent to concoct tunes and lyrics that caught the play's cynical charm; and the Heather Brothers never suggest that they are the men to do so. Their music is a not-very-memorable mix of rococo, folk and, when Denis Lawson's pelvis gets moving, 1950s pastiche. And when they try to paraphrase or, worse, rewrite Wycherley, they leave him sounding anachronistic, crude or both.

Denis Lawson plays Horner, who *falsely puts it about that he has lost his* testicles "to the pox", so that the women *of London come to his rooms to view* his "china" with their husbands' *pitying permission. In the course of the* evening he cuts a sexual swathe *through respectable society, eventually* harvesting even the title-character, Margery Pinchwife, who is married to the most paranoid cuckold of them all.

Lawson's nonchalant charisma fits the role of Horner pretty well, as does *his long, wild hair; but the rest of* Bob Carlton's cast left me nostalgically *recalling subtleties that other perform*ers found in the original. How much *more pathos that excellent actor,* Julian Curry, could extract from the role of poor, beleaguered Pinchwife. How much more artless humour Sophie Aldred could put into her curds-and-whey Margery. How much less of a drip Mark Haddigan's Harcourt, hero of the sub-plot, could be.

Or is it unfair to expect Wycherley from performers who are being asked *to deliver Heather Brothers? It was* surely significant that the first-night *audience laughed most* at an altercation between Curry and Helen Hobson, as his sister: "If you were my husband, I'd poison your food", "If you were my wife, I'd eat it". That rips off a legendary exchange between Churchill and Mrs Braddock; and not very aptly, either.

There is not much visual excitement beneath the roofs and spires of Geoff Rose's all-brown set. But there is one oddity, the hanging of an unnamed *man* while the fops and their ladies go merrily about their business. This turns out to be not quite as irrelevant as it appears, but it still seems symptomatic. Wycherley, too, is being ritually executed; and to the enthusiastic unconcern of all involved.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

● *The Cavalcaders* is at Dublin's Peacock Theatre, not in Wexford as stated on this page yesterday

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** on the songs and sartorial extravagance of Abba

In praise of pop's perfect palindrome

A for Abba
BBC 1

PERHAPS the most remarkable moment in last night's highly enjoyable *A for Abba* (BBC 1) was taken from a 1970s *Blue Peter* studio interview, when Lesley Judd, crowded onto a short bench with all four As and Bs and a dog (Shep), complimented Agnetha and Anni-frid on the loveliness of their clothes. "Do you design them yourself?" she asked brightly — presumably thinking there could be no other explanation. "No," was blonde Agnetha's astounding reply, "We have our own designer."

This information hung in the air for the remainder of the programme, like a huge stuffed satin question-mark, too tight at the top and covered in sequins. You mean a designer did this? A designer put those poor Abba people — Swedes, moreover, who knew no better — *in white floor-length split-sided* cassocks emblazoned with blue and *yellow cartoon cats? Was it spite?* As Lowri Turner of the London *Evening Standard* observed, Abba may have made millions, but the price was more *than exacted by their hideous outfits.*

Remember the blue satin skull-cap and its matching pantaloons?

Fronted by John Peel, and mixing nicely chosen archive footage with quite unexpected tributes (Elvis Costello, Ray Davies, Roy Wood), *A for Abba* was not exclusively about sartorial hanging offences, *however. Mainly it* was an affectionate analysis of the band's *extraordinary success — why* Abba's music was so damn catchy, *why its unabashed corniness was so* forgivable, why they could get away *with rhyming* "eyes" *with* "price", "deny it" with "quiet". What was the *secret of their charm?*

Benny, the genial bearded keyboards player, offered no explanation in present-day hindsight, just surprise. "I think it is fantastic that the music is still around, and that they didn't kill us for being so corny." *But the consensual* answer seemed to be that Abba had *conviction; they delivered pure pop.* The songs had kitsch drama (Elvis *Costello pointed to those amazing* spoken bits in "Knowing Me, Knowing You", where Agnetha *breathily echoes* the lyrics, "Mem'ries", "Good days", "*Bad days*"); *they also reflected an* appealing grown-up innocence about *relationships.* Ray Davies explained that in the 1970s English pop "lost its *nobility and its pride*", and that Abba's innocent music rushed into the vacuum. "If you change your mind, I'm the first in line, Honey I'm still free, Take a chance on me." Now there's a lyric, straight to the point.

Was it true, as Lowri Turner said, *that all the girl fans wanted to grow up to be flaxen-haired Agnetha, and that* the auburn Anni-frid looked like Agnetha's grandmother? True or not, it seemed jolly impolite to say so. Was it also true that the boys were ugly? Not at all. Bjorn's clothes were too tight; *and sometimes Benny wore a tie with*out remembering to put a shirt on first. *But as for emulation, surely none of us* wanted to grow up to be Swedes?

In the end, though, it was Abba's foreignness that conferred the leeway. *So we could smile at the simple lyrics,* adore the accents, hum the tunes, and *accept that Abba were brilliant at pop* without feeling in the least bit threatened by *them. It was all very conve*nient. Plus, when Agnetha wore red hot *pants with natty matching knee*-hoods, we could fondly imagine that in faraway Sweden the scarlet knee-hood was an everyday item in any fashion-conscious wardrobe.

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'Nowhere to go except up'

Andy Lavender meets Charles Denton, the new man charged with putting the quality back into BBC television drama



Charles Denton, the BBC's new head of drama: for all the money and trumpeting directed at news and current affairs, it may be drama that redeems the Corporation

It has been a terrible year for the BBC. The shockwaves from Mark Tully's attack on Director General John Birt are still reverberating. The BBC's audience has been falling: towards the end of last month BBC1's share of the top 40 programmes fell to a quarter. A number of high-profile failed programmes have already been put to the sword. It is difficult to know which has dipped the lower: ratings, credibility or staff morale. All this at arguably the most significant period of change in the BBC's history.

It will appear unfashionable, then, to suggest that the BBC is on the cusp of a remarkable turnaround; the result not necessarily of Birtist reform, but of a number of key appointments made mid the turbulence. One hopes that Jan Ycntob and Nichael Jackson, the new controller of BBC1 and BBC2 respectively, and Liz Forgan, the new director of BBC Radio, will continue practising the creative independence for which they are esteemed. No less significant are the shifts of power in the BBC's Drama Group.

Chales Denton is the new head of department. Michael Wearing, the producer responsible for *Boys from the Blackstuff* and *Edge of Darkness*, adds responsibilities for series to his job as head of serials. And George Faber, young and talented, comes in as head of single drama. It is quite possible that for all the money and trumpeting directed at the BBC's news and current affairs, it will be drama that redeems the Corporation.

Denton's appointment has met with murmurs of approval. He was previously chief executive of Zenith, the independent production company responsible for *Shoot to Kill* and *Inspector Morse*. Before that he was director of programmes at Central, where his commissions included *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* and *Spitting Image*. Fair credentials for a man whose job is now to shake some life back into BBC drama, after a string of programmes exceptional only in their blandness.

Why did *Eldorado*, *Trainer* and *A Year in Provence* flop? Denton is reluctant to bash them still further, but he admits that they should never have seen the light of our living-rooms. "What is important, once you see it's a turkey, is to recognise it as a turkey and strangle it. I'd like to think that under the organisational structure that we're setting up now, a number of programmes that have been failures in the past wouldn't have been made in the first place."

> 'There are three things important in television: talent, talent, and talent'

What of the future? Yesterday Denton took the wraps off the BBC package of television drama for the forthcoming year; 400 hours of programming at a cost of £200 million. None of this is Denton's doing. He has only been in the job since May, but makes the expected noises of pleasure at the breadth of his inheritance. It is a typical BBC collection: some costume drama (adaptations of Eliot's *Middlemarch* and Stendhal's *Scarlet and Black*), new thrillers, some interesting-looking single dramas on both channels, more helpings of *Casualty*, *Lovejoy*, *The House of Eliott*, *Love Hurts* and *To Play the King*, plus a follow-on serial from *The House of Cards* — apparently as implausible as its forebear.

Where the BBC has failed over the last few years, Denton feels, is with the peaktime long running series: "The ones which were smash hits last year and will be smash hits next year and the year after. One of the things that has worried me is the feeling that the single movie is the highest professional ambition of the producer within the BBC. The single greatest challenge to a producer, as far as I'm concerned, would be to create a series or a continuing serial which can live this year and next year and through to the end of this decade. The single movie can become too important in the thinking of producers. There's a snobbery about it, it has become the height of the pyramid. I'd like to turn that pyramid upside down."

When Denton talks like this, you realise that you are hearing not the voice of a modern maverick, but a bluntness of a much older order. Mark Tully complained that the BBC no longer buzzes with "the old talk among people": a sense of common purpose and shared enthusiasm for the programmes being made. Under Denton, you feel, there might be quite a bit of the old talk.

His appointment certainly represents a fresh opportunity for BBC drama, for all that he is himself nearing retirement. His background as a network controller (for the old ATV), head of an independent production company and recently chairman of PACT (the Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television) means that he comes with substantial executive experience and a long list of independent drama producers in his phone book.

Denton has inherited from one of his former bosses, Lew Grade, the daunting habit of starting work at 6am. The chill winds of the commercial and independent sectors will have prepared him for life in the new model BBC, but will also allow him to set a slightly different agenda.

"There are three things important in television," he asserts. "Talent, talent, and talent. When you find it, back it. My job is to try to provide a leadership within the drama department which can allow creative risk to be taken in pursuit of a wide range of quality drama. It's as easy as that."

Easy or not, this begins to sound a little adventurous. "The aim," Denton expands, "is to turn the drama group into a guerrilla organisation working within the body politic of the BBC, perhaps delivering material which will surprise people."

This goes against the grain of the recent lament that John Birt's "extending choice", far from stimulating new programme-making, has stifled it under a cloak of bureaucracy. "Trust the talent, and to hell with the accountants," Denton asserts. He is no wastrel though. In fact he already seems to fit a time-honoured BBC mould, that of the pragmatist with a passion.

In Denton's case the passion is for contemporary drama. He promises that the BBC must compete with energy in the peaktime slots against an ITV which is "heading down a narrower and narrower line on populist drama". In the next breath he promises that nothing should jeopardise "the short form, the one-off, the original programme which comes from nowhere and perhaps goes nowhere".

The suspicion remains that the *really* radical drama will still be left to Channel 4, but Denton declares himself open to any new forms of programming which might emerge. (The two-hour duration of *Inspector Morse* was an innovation, but one which was still attached to a resolutely mainstream series.) He implies that older forms will be carefully scrutinised.

"I am hugely suspicious of funny-hat drama, costume drama in the worst sense of the word," he asserts. "I do think that one of the jobs of drama, particularly in the kind of times we live in now, is to help those times become slightly more understandable to the massive audience out there."

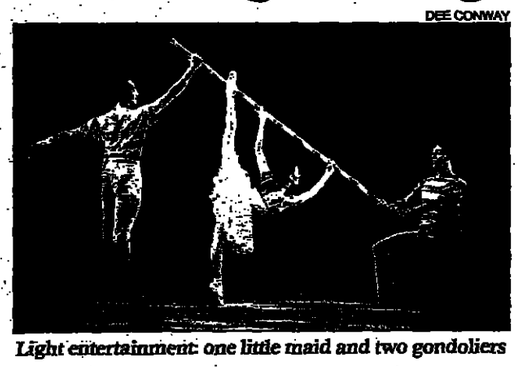
Does this mean that programmes should in some cases be anti-establishment? "From time to time, yes," Denton agrees, "and I look forward to seeing that responsibility carried out." He outlines a future agenda: "I think we're in a position of huge opportunity *vis-à-vis* the whole UK drama production scene. If we can't clean up in the next two or three years then I deserve to be taken to the middle of Television Centre and ceremonially stoned. There's nowhere to go but up."

DANCE: Gilbert and Sullivan reopen the Savoy; plus visitors from Russia and France

Back to a bright beginning

The gala-night audience applauded as soon as the curtain went up on Wayne Sleep's new work for English National Ballet. This was not simply because they were predisposed to enthusiasm by a royal presence, a charitable cause and the opening of the lavishly restored Savoy Theatre, but because the initial stage image was so striking: neon letters that spelt the name of Sleep's piece, Savoy Suite, and also (without revealing the surprise) contained an unexpected twist.

Design effects are the strength of *Savoy Suite*, a *pièce d'occasion* that celebrates Gilbert and Sullivan, whose operetta *Patience* opened the Savoy Theatre in 1881. A white piano becomes a desk and a metaphor for the duo's partnership; a lighted strip draws itself across the back like a conductor's baton and then reveals itself to be a ramp for a dancer's entry; a carpet, the cause of an interminable quarrel between Gilbert and Sullivan, serves as a surface for a combative tap duet by the composer (Simon Cooper) and writer (Sleep).



DEE CONWAY

Light entertainment: one little maid and two gondoliers

Sleep's real-life musical collaborator is Carl Davis who does not appear on stage but in the pit, conducting the whole programme. Sleep and Davis are, like their G&S counterparts, enthusiastic populists. Sleep, whose first piece this is for a ballet company, has produced workmanlike choreography; but, refusing to abandon the trick steps of his jazz-dance career, he overwhelms us with an epidemic of pirouettes and turns. Davis has done his usual arranger's job. Magimixing Sullivan's music and using, for a section featuring Renata Calderini as an egocentric prima ballerina, a rediscovered ballet score (*L'Ile enchantée*) the composer created in his youth.

But *Savoy Suite* achieves what it sets out to do: to be light and entertaining. Three little maids, all demure charm, pop up at intervals; gondoliers dance with sunny gaiety and use their poles as instruments for partnering; Eugenio Scigliano as a concertina-carrying minstrel goes a-wandering with Maria Teresa del Real.

The rest of the programme comprised two London premieres: the Grand Pas Hongrois from *Raymonda*, staged by Frederick Franklin, and Olga Roriz's commissioned *The Seven Silences of Salome*, both acquired by ENB's previous director Ivan Nagy. Roriz's inscrutable piece gives us seven men and a Salome who is not only silent, but absent. Their solos are couched in the pounding, brutalist vocabulary that is fast becoming a cliché. *Raymonda* has improved since its regional performances but here ached for space.

The Savoy Theatre has a history of showing dance that included many famous names, among them Ashton, Markova and Balanchine. But its tiny stage and bird's-eye view from the upper tiers make it a poor setting.

NADINE MEISNER

From extravaganza to austerity

RETURNING for its third run in London, the Kirov Ballet's production of *The Corsair* was greeted by a packed and happy house at the Coliseum on Monday. Such popularity must be tempting, but could any British company yield as enthusiastically to the extravagant absurdities of the plot as the Russians do?

Konsantin Zaklinsky as the slave dialer who repeatedly abducts the heroine may have a comic glint in his eye, but his wickedness is as whole-hearted as his show-off solos. Alexande Kurkov, as the pirate Conrad who repeatedly rescues the captive women, has a swagger, a zest and a technical bravura you would never have guessed from his *Swan Lake*.

Farukh Ruzimatov, newly arrived from an engagement in Japan, makes his first appearance of the season as Conrad's faithful follower Ali: as pasionate, sensuous, and compulsively attention-grabbing as ever. Add the big, blond Dmitri Korneyev firing pistols into the air as he leads the pirates into their celebratory dance, and you have an impressive cast even before considering the women.

But these women are not the sort to take second place — neither the characters nor their performers. Yulia Makhalina, new to us as Medora, brings a tremendous exhilaration to most of her solos, but I must confess to enjoying more the moments when she turns down to a quieter mood. Also new is Irina Shapchitz, a Gulnara of delicate charm who can glitter, too, when occasion calls.

The profusion of brilliant dancing includes solos for three odalisques, beautifully done by Irina Sitnikova, Larissa Lezhnina and (especially) Irina Chistyakova; and the opening ensemble of leaping women: also in more lyrical manner the big number which Petipa called the *Jardin animé*: a garden of flower-women come to life.

I have not mentioned yet the amazing shipwreck, a wonderfully spectacular effect; nor the sheer fun with which the rescues are accomplished. No word either, of the Kirov orchestra's playing (under Viktor Fedotov) of the patchwork but eminently danceable score. The real point is that it is all superb entertainment.

BASED in La Rochelle, Régine Chopinot's company appeared this past weekend on the South Bank as part of a series of activities (live and filmed performances, exhibitions and discussions) linked to the Tate Gallery's current show on the subject of Art and Existentialism in Paris, 1945-55.

Well regarded in France as a radical choreographer, Chopinot is turning her own production group, Ballet Atlantique, into a creative repertory company, and has turned herself back into a dancer to take part in the first commission towards this policy. Richard Alston's creation to Boulez's *Le Marteau sans maître*.

Understandably, Alston has left out of account any meaning that might be found in the three short, enigmatic poems by René Char which occurred during the work, but their sound (with Luisa Castellani joining the Ensemble Intercontemporain under David Robertson's direction) is an essential part of the aural texture whose "subtly-shifting spaces" the choreographer says he has tried to fill with movement.

His description of the music, "exotic, sensual ... punctuated by spasmodic rhythm" could serve equally for his dances, which display the 12 performers mainly as couples whose complex patterns counterpoint each other.

Simply to take in the complexities of movement and sound requires real effort; to sustain this over the work's 40 minute duration is demanding. The artist Jean-Charles Blais has dressed the dancers very simply in black and white; unfortunately the hall's open stage necessitated simplifying his setting, so we cannot tell how that was meant to clarify or distract.

An impressive work then, but austerely difficult, and never remotely like anything that happened in postwar French dance. Art-historical exhibitionism, it seems, can have some unlikely effects.

JOHN PERCIVAL

"PATRONISED by Royalty" it says in yellow letters on a tattered red banner over Ron Taylor's boxing booth, and at one time a whole busload of young boxers in his employ trailed along the road behind his caravan. Now he is the last surviving owner of a boxing booth in Britain, and in a new series of **End of a Line** (Radio 4, Friday) Paul Heiney went to see him at work on a Newcastle fairground.

He only has one resident boxer now, but at 82 has still got an eye for a likely young 15-year-old in the crowd who will come up and have a go: "I let his friends egg him on a bit, but I try a few others first — then I swing round to him and he'll come." Heiney did not sentimentalise over the passing of these showman's skills — as readers of *The Times* know, he is much more concerned about the preservation of farm horses — but he left us with a picture of a very spirited, cheerful old man, who even now could say "There's no such thing as hard work if you like it."

RADIO REVIEW

Veteran can still put up a fight

In **Bright Sparks** (Saturday) *Radio 4 is going to the* other end of the age scale, with Anne Kelleher interviewing people in their twenties who have made a good start. The first was the 26-year-old Helen Power, who is writing a history of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

She was so alert and interesting that she did not need this ageist platform. She was more than an historian: she had as clear an idea of what tropical medicine had not been as of what it actually had been. Its practitioners had concentrated on the "exotic" diseases that white men might catch, and almost totally neglected the larger question of the health of the native people of the colonies: while the doctors were worrying about sleeping sickness, it was imported flu that was killing the locals. But Miss Taylor was not interested in out-of-date political polemics: she just hoped modestly that her work might help to identify some current needs.

Something new is promised in Studio 3, a series of 13 experimental plays that began on Radio 3 on Saturday. But that did not get off to a good start. The first play, **Tales from the Hatbox of Benjamin Marcus** by the Belgian Gie Laenan, had a powerful and disturbing enough subject: the sufferings of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto. Some of the straight narrative was almost unbearably painful.

But the shape of the one-man "play" seemed to add nothing — in fact its whimsical character irritated rather than driving the horror home. The narrator Jonathan (Finlay Welsh) was a supposedly insane man who had been born in the ghetto, the son of a German soldier and a Jewish woman. All he had inherited was a hatbox, which contained some musical toys left him by Benjamin, the ghetto boy who had cared for him, and some photographs of the ghetto taken by his father. Each toy and each photo told a grim story, which Jonathan recounted to us. But he did not seem insane; the unanswered question of how the photographs got into the hat box nagged at one; the playing of the tin whistle and the castanets and the xylophone produced none of the intended pathos. As for being "experimental", these were devices that drama has been weary of for 50 years.

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Cash in on a cottage industry



The dream: Streamside Cottage at Otterton, Devon — everyone's idea of a money-spinning second home — but does it cover costs?

Relaxing in the perfect holiday cottage, with a warm breeze rustling the roses around the door, it is all too easy to dream of spending lazy days in one's very own home from home.

For the first time in five years such moments are again tempting city-dwellers to dip a toe into the second-homes market. Some purchasers took the plunge when prices peaked, in 1988, only to find themselves in deep water, and it is hardly surprising that the market has since been in the doldrums.

But now that property prices are at rock-bottom and interest rates on savings offer a poor return, buying a holiday cottage to rent out might seem the perfect way of mixing business with pleasure. With high-season rentals running at £300 to £1,000 a week, and self-catering holiday bookings up by 20 per cent on last year, it is easy to imagine an idyllic cottage in the right property paying for itself.



In the West Country, which has 25 per cent of the British self-catering holiday market, Tony Smith, negotiator for the waterside and country-homes branch of Miller's, an estate agent in Truro, says: "We've been busier than we have for five years."

Fowey River Estate Agents has just sold nine cottages for holiday use in the south Cornish coastal villages of Fowey and Polruan, which face each other across the Fowey Estuary. Most interest is in the £60,000 to £100,000 range. They have one three-bedroom house on offer for £92,500, with a garden running down to the secluded beach at Readymoney Cove, Fowey, and views across the river.

Richard Knowles, the assistant managing director of Recommended Cottages of Pickering, North Yorkshire, which lets cottages all over Britain, says: "There are many more last-minute bookings this year. This is partly because families who have been unable to afford a break for a while can take one at last, and partly because people who have had to drop their sights to one foreign break a year are once again taking a second holiday home."

But few second-home owners admit to making more than enough cash to cover costs, let alone a mortgage, says Geoff Cowley of Country Holidays, based at Earby, Colne, Lancashire, which offers 6,000 properties for rent, mostly second homes. "People often buy because they want a retirement home for the future, but they can get a significant contribution from holiday lets with a good property in the right place. We can advise on how many bookings to expect and what kind of rent they might charge. In the South West, prices are quite high," he says.

Most agents charge between 20 per cent and 28 per cent of the rent, net of VAT. On top of that, owners should take out extra insurance cover and must arrange cleaning and gardening.

The best areas in which to buy are the West Country, the Lake District, and the Cotswolds, which all have long letting seasons. Dorset, parts of Yorkshire and Wales, the Peak District and Scotland have a shorter letting season.

Position is crucial. Waterside properties always do well and sell at a premium, even in bad times. Other desirable features such as a good view, a thatched roof and roses around the door all help.

Classic Cottages of Helston, Cornwall, shows before and after shots of a cottage that was transformed from earning nothing to providing an income of £7,000 a year. The owner, Susan Rowe, sought the agent's advice before doing the cottage up, and followed it to the letter, down to providing an extra shower-room. Mrs Rowe, who lives at Mullion, is delighted with the result. She bought Higher Predannack Farm, near her own farm, for its milk quota, and the house came with it. "All the money that we've put into the cottage we've had back from our visitors," she says. "Instead of a run-down, worthless property, we now have a lovely house that's insured for nearly £100,000."

Simon Tregoning, a partner in Classic Cottages, says: "Increasingly, people approach us because they want to buy a house as an investment. Normally, such property is liable for capital gains tax, but if the cottage is available for rent for 20 weeks a year and actually let for ten weeks, it is classed as a business and the gains can be rolled over into another business. If the owners keep it until they are 55, they can get retirement relief. There are other financial advantages such as being able to get mortgage tax relief and travel expenses allowed."

The company has precise minimum standards and inspects properties to ensure they comply and to assess the optimum rent they can command. Most companies say it is false economy to skimp on furniture and fittings because it is the cottages that feel like home — complete with open fires, washing machines and dishwashers and secluded gardens — that get most return lets.



The Rev Terry Smith of Medstead, Winchester, bought the thatched Ford Cottage, near Okehampton, five years ago for £87,000 and spent time and money doing it up. "We passed muster for Classic Cottages at Easter 1992, and had 15 weeks' rent last year, although we could do with more lets this year. We can spend two weeks there between May and September, but there's no limit outside that period."

The Smiths pay a housekeeper £25 for each changeover and their cottage commands from £216 to £450 a week, less 20 per cent commission to Classic Cottages. The only tenant trouble they have had has been a broken shelf and initials carved on a kitchen worktop by a child.

Costs can be cut by avoiding agencies, especially if a cottage attracts regular re-lets. Daphne Cornish, of Bromley, south London, owns Streamside Cottage at Otterton, Devon, which she advertises in *The Sunday Times*.

"We bought it mainly as an investment and by the time we have paid for regular cleaning, decorating and a re-thatch, we have barely covered costs," she says. "If we could look after it ourselves, some money might be made. But overseas holidays are so cheap now that you cannot charge too much. Two people can stay in a hotel for less than many holiday rents."

Carol Latham-Warde, chairman of the British Self-Catering Federation and proprietor of Lakelovers, a Lake District agency, at Bowness-on-Windermere, says: "What to look for is what Mrs Average would like to spend a holiday in: a detached cottage with roses around the door, off-street parking, a pub near by and a good view. If you can find all that at a price you can afford, any agent worth their salt will be able to let it. Pick your little piece of heaven on earth and buy it before the price goes up."

CHRISTINE WEBB

Moving stories on the home front

Nearly a third of all house deals now collapse before exchange of contracts, new research shows. The study finds that though the average cost of buying or selling a house in England and Wales is Europe's lowest — about 2 per cent of purchase price — there is much uncertainty in the house-purchase process. The research, carried out for the Lord Chancellor's department, reveals that three in ten transactions fail after the initial agreement between buyer and seller.

The department wants to speed up the process of buying and selling a house and is already looking at several measures: imposing time limits for local authority searches and eventually a computerised national land information system.

On average, houses sit on estate-agency books for four months before an offer. The period between offer and exchange is when deals usually collapse, and often it is the buyer who pulls out, the research shows. Time taken to secure an offer varies but averages four months. Usually, it is then just over two months to completion.

The most common cause of delay is the time taken to obtain mortgage finance or attempts by one side to renegotiate the purchase price at a late stage when the mortgage offer has come in lower than agreed. In more than a quarter of cases, the transaction collapses before contracts are exchanged, mainly because of problems after survey and valuation, or changes in personal circumstances.

Mortgage lenders give varying reasons why a mortgage offer may be delayed: poor information from the applicant, delays in obtaining references and problems to do with the condition of the property. Typical costs of buying a property worth £70,000 are likely to be between £1,200 and £1,550 and for the seller between £1,700 and £2,050.

The biggest cost for the seller is estate agency fees and for the buyer stamp duty, although the costs compare favourably with the rest of Europe, the study finds.

FRANCES GIBB

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Days of vines and roses



Be first with the summer wine: Coxley Vineyard, Somerset, on the market for £375,000, with a four-acre vineyard

From running an English château to owning a fruit farm, there are ways to escape the stresses of life

What do you do if you want to swap the pollution and the stress of life in the inner city for the peace and beauty of the countryside, yet still have an income? The answer is to buy a property with a business attached, which can either provide pocket money or enough to make a fresh start.

Commuting will be a problem of the past: how long or little you work is up to you, and, best of all, you can be your own man, or woman.

Robin Thomas, of the Exeter branch of Strutt & Parker, the estate agent, says: "We are finding that property which can provide some sort of income is selling, particularly to people who are moving from London and the Home Counties and are leaving permanent jobs, having taken early retirement."

Owning and running a country-house hotel is one option. Sally and Neil Chalmers sold their home in Goudhurst, Kent, last year, and moved three miles down the road, with their three teenage children, into the ten-bedroom Jacobean Kennel Holt Hotel, which has five acres of glorious gardens.

The Chalmers want to persuade visitors that they are guests in their home rather than clients staying in an impersonal hotel.

The Chalmers are not worried by lack of privacy — they have always been a sociable pair — and relish being able to live in the sort of beautiful house they thought they could never afford.

Neil Chalmers, who was a successful advertising executive, works in the kitchen and Sally looks after the guests. She says: "I've always liked looking after people and living in glorious surroundings. This way I can do both."

For a like-minded couple, there are two similar-sized country-house hotels for sale. New Close, Hassocks, West Sussex, a 17th-century country-house hotel with two annexes, has 17 bedrooms, is set in 20 acres of lawns and woods, and is priced at £475,000. More information from Bedrock International (071-351 2625).

Savills (031-226 6961) is selling Purves Hall, a nine-bedroom country-house hotel in Greenlaw, Berwickshire, which has eight loose boxes for horses, a swimming pool and a tennis court and views of the Borders countryside for £275,000. It produces an annual turnover of between £60,000 and £85,000.

For someone who wants to go into the catering business, Coxley Vineyard, near Wells, Somerset, is on the market for £375,000. This single-storey, Spanish-style property, which has red terracotta roof and whitewashed walls, comes with a four-acre vineyard producing 4,000-5,000 bottles a year. The accommodation includes a four-bedroom property, a restaurant capable of seating 100 and five en suite rooms. Profit for the year ending November 1991 was about £95,000.

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At the other end of the scale is a fish and chip shop, which could give a good start for an entrepreneur, young person or couple.

John D. Wood (0865 311522) is selling Grove Farm, a 1,000-acre fruit farm at Harwell, Oxfordshire. Also for sale with the five-bedroom house is a clutch of cottages and the farm manager's house, orchards, arable land, grain store and farm shop.

The owners have built up a viable business, employing a staff to run the fruit operation. There are opportunities to diversify, the agents say. The property is for sale in 12 lots or as a whole for £3.5 million.

The fish and chip shop is on a corner in the centre of the well-heeled town of Harrogate, North Yorkshire. The three-storey building has two rooms and a lavatory over the shop, and a cellar below, and needs some rejuvenating.

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Single firms are offering a complete service in planning and operating a building, **Derek Harris** *reports*

Tarmac, Britain's biggest construction and building materials group, is launching a total management division. At the same time P&O Total Facilities Management — just sold to Granada, the television rental, leisure and computer services group — has been relaunched as Total Facilities Management (Granada) to be known as TFM.

These two moves are part of a trend. Total facilities management is all about a single organisation offering a complete service in planning and operating a building — be it a company headquarters, a school or a hospital. This covers everything: buying strategy, design of workstations, information technology, catering, security and cleaning, and much more.

The market leaders in the facilities management field, judged by contracts under its belt, have for some years been P&O, with its core interests in shipping and distribution, and the BET conglomerate, which has operational arms in cleaning (with Initial), security, catering and plant hire.

Tarmac intends to be a major provider of management services as well as offering independent counselling for client companies. For some years it has been active in providing management services, at first in refurbishment and maintenance arrangements for buildings and services. Property management has also come to the fore.



Quality industry: Gerry Barron-Fox (left) and Stuart Laird

Tarmac Facilities Management, as the new entity is known, has been planned over 18 months and has just been launched with Stuart Laird as its managing director. It has made several acquisitions to widen its servicing expertise.

The director of marketing, Gerry Barron-Fox, says it needs to be a quality industry with the right level of investment going into the nurturing of skills. "BS5750 (the British standard for quality) of itself doesn't solve the problems. You need to have the bright, and the right, people in the right place," he says.

Granada acquired TFM, of which Robin Booker continues to be managing director, in a £360 million deal with P&O that included facilities management service providers such as the big Sutcliffe catering arm, a cleaning subsidiary and others dealing with vending and security. Mr Booker says: "We do not envisage major changes as a result of the acquisition so as far as our clients are concerned it is business as usual."

However, TFM will now have call on Granada's substantial computer services arm when the need arises. Granada's interests in television rental and studios, motorway service areas and leisure activities — such as theme parks — means the amount of specialised skills to be tapped is wider.

Mr Booker says: "Clearly as independent advisers we do not necessarily recommend the use of sister companies. What is best for the client is the cardinal thing. But to be able to tap into expertise is useful."

TFM's team numbers 140, of which 30 are "pure" managers and most of the rest with specialist skills such as engineers or information technology experts.

In the past 12 months, TFM has been building a portfolio of clients in the health sector, among them Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, the East Yorkshire Health Authority and the health and social security departments. Two other big clients are Yorkshire Water and British Gas Exploration and Production.

A firm housed in four buildings had to be relocated to a specialist plant

Sights set on a single site

Four into one will go, say Ryder Nicklin, the architects based in Newcastle upon Tyne. The company has made a speciality of masterminding moves that involve closing several premises and relocating on one site.

The latest venture has been to help Barr & Stroud, optical equipment makers of items such as gun sights and periscopes, to settle into a new home near Glasgow.

Barr & Stroud had grown piecemeal over the past century and occupied four buildings, all fairly close together. Ryder Nicklin was chosen because it had masterminded two similar moves for Vickers, the engineering group that takes products from Barr & Stroud.

Ted Nicklin, a partner with the architects, says: "Vickers occupied run-down premises on the Tyne. To stay in business it had to get rid of a lot of old-fashioned ways of doing things. We designed a flexible, open plan building on a very tight budget."

Barr & Stroud, hampered by a hierarchical structure with remote executives, was pushed into action when it was offered £15 million for its existing sites. A new building had to be constructed within that target.

Mr Nicklin says: "A site had to be found near enough to keep the highly skilled workforce and the building had to see the company through into the next century. There had to be scope for flexibility and future change. The final account came £100,000 within the budget."

Ryder Nicklin found a disused shipyard on the south bank of the Clyde, one mile from the existing premises and nearer to the motorway network and airport.

As with Vickers, the Barr & Stroud move presented the opportunity to get rid of the cumbersome hierarchy that was typified by the six different levels of canteen facilities. Factory space was upgraded as near as possible to the level of offices, management was brought out into the work area and everyone in the new building was to sit down and eat together.

Mr Nicklin says: "Obviously there were some objections from people who had had their own offices but we built a scale model so the staff could see from the start what was happening.

"Throughout the construction staff were taken to see how it was evolving.

"We produced a very simple concept in a single envelope. It is an energy efficient building and provides scope for expansion."

Relocating to docklands produced a bonus. A remote tower is needed for testing sighting equipment. Just half a mile away is one of the few remaining dockyard cranes. As a Grade II listed building, the crane is there to stay.

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All together now: pipes, plants and people in Barr & Stroud's new building

EDS signs $1bn deal

EDS, the multi-national information technology group, has secured a $1 billion (about £650 million) ten-year contract as primary information technology supplier to the Swedish conglomerate, KF (Kooperativa Forbundet), the national organisation of Sweden's co-operative societies that have retailing as their core business.

It is the biggest information technology services contract ever awarded in Europe, according to EDS, which operates in 30 countries, including Britain.

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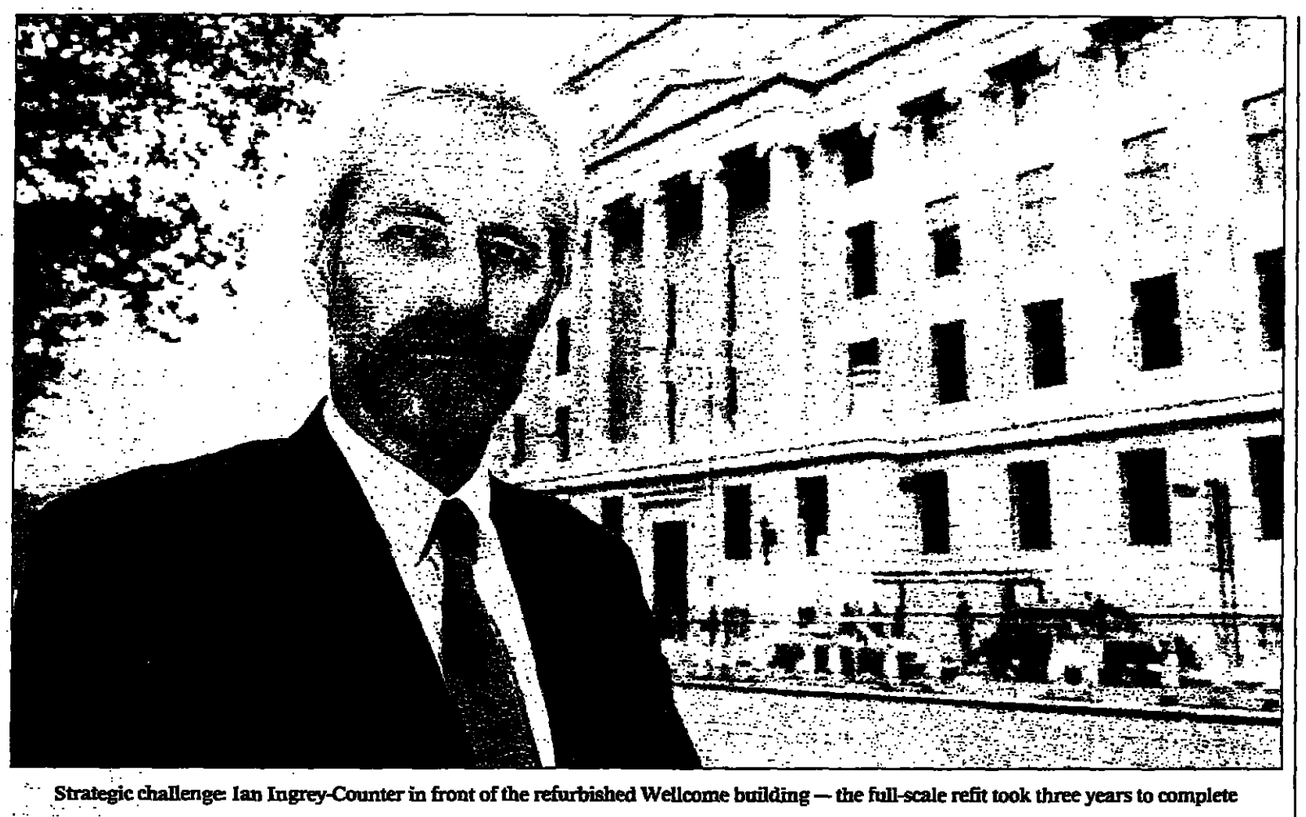
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Creating a complex, diverse package

Ian Ingrey-Counter says that the facilities manager needs to be a professional 'choreographer'



Strategic challenge: Ian Ingrey-Counter in front of the refurbished Wellcome building — the full-scale refit took three years to complete

The facilities management profession has been knocking on the boardroom door for some time. Reducing non-core business costs forms a vital part of boardroom strategy and the business plan.

Translating the facilities management strategy into tactical planning and implementation creates a diverse and complex package embracing property management, buildings and maintenance, facilities and services supporting the working environment. The package is normally interspaced with irregular projects such as building fit-outs and refurbishment, relocation and major organisational change.

This was the challenge facing the Wellcome Trust which ranks as the largest non-government source of funds for biomedical research in the UK.

The Wellcome Building in London was designed by Septimus Warwick and built for Sir Henry Wellcome, founder of the Wellcome Trust, in 1932 and a full-scale, three-year refurbishment was completed in 1992.

Before the building was re-occupied in October last year, many tasks had to be managed within a timescale reflecting business pressures and the academic calendar. They included setting up a range of external service contracts, in-house facilities, staffing and services, equipment and furniture fit-out and commissioning and relocation from four sites.

In addition to the "standard" range of facilities and services supporting any large building, the project also involved a major library, exhibitions, information centre, auditorium, lecture and meeting facilities together with complex security and audio visual systems.

The problem to be solved was how to programme, co-ordinate and update a large number of related events across varied timescales.

In addition to setting up a commissioning team, representing all departments and functions, a range of project management computer software was considered.

The problem with many software programs is that they are too complex and require considerable input, updating and maintenance to be practical or effective. Resources required for this should not be underestimated. However, at a basic level there is software that can be used effectively.

The discipline involved in thinking through the logic and timing of a project or sequence of events is in itself, very useful. Critical path and resources allocation can also be determined and practical working programmes produced for project control with graphics for presentation.

For example, major equipment and furniture purchase over say, six months can be directly related to the contractor's fit-out programme and in turn, to handover, commissioning and occupation.

Individual areas of activity can be "overlaid" and working programmes produced from one sub-project to everything altogether. One can also incorporate on-going facilities activities with post-occupation activity and change.

The handover, commissioning, furniture/equipment fit-out, establishing of contract services, relocation and final occupation of the Wellcome Building in 1992 was managed with the help of Timeline project management software, produced by Symantec (UK). The PC-based system can be networked as required. Care needs to be taken with the selection of the right software, but the practical benefits can be considerable.

Project management and facilities management embrace a special range of skills and the application of these skills with associated software can prove invaluable in meeting the business objectives defined in the boardroom.

● *The author is facilities manager of The Wellcome Trust*

Single and clear voice

Just one body will represent the profession

Increasingly recognised as an integrated industrial discipline, facilities management is about to take a decisive step forward as a profession. The Association of Facilities Managers (AFM) is to merge with the Institute of Facilities Management (IFM) to create a new body with an initial membership of more than 2,200.

John Crawshaw, the AFM director who will take on the same role for the new organisation, believes the membership totals could rise with the merger, *Derek Harris writes. He says: "There must be some* who have put off joining a professional body simply because there were two in the field. People in facilities management are proliferating."

The merger has been agreed by the annual meetings of both groups and the "marriage" will take place on September 1. Peter Lebus, IFM's chairman, will be a deputy chairman, looking after the crucial area of constitutional issues.

Marilyn Handley, AFM's chairman who is facilities management head at Longman, the book publishers, will take on the same role for the merged body during the 12 months during which the fused organisations are expected to settle down.

Selecting a name for the new body could well have been controversial but it will be known for the time being as the AFM & IFM. Within a year members will be asked to decide on a title.

For the first year also the governing council of the new body will comprise 31 members, drawn from the councils of the two bodies. The administrative headquarters will be at Saffron Walden, in Essex, where AFM is located.

The IFM has been closely associated with the Institute of Administrative Management so a pledge of mutual assistance when needed has ensured friendly relations with the new body will continue.

Trained to be a one-stop shop

Qualifications will be based on recognition of first degree courses together with experience

Education and training in facilities management are moving into a phase of rapid development. An increasing number of universities are offering diploma, Master of Science (MSc) and soon Bachelor of Science (BSc) courses, while other chances to pursue this emerging speciality, such as study modules of several days or weeks, are increasing.

Another big change will come with the merger of the Association of Facilities Managers and the Institute of Facilities Management. This will rationalise the educational paths that those involved in facilities management may take.

The pioneering Centre for Facilities Management (CFM) at Scotland's University of Strathclyde has for seven years has been running an MSc course in facilities management for practising professionals. Students are drawn from a variety of backgrounds including surveying, architecture, engineering and general business.

In the next academic year beginning this autumn, CFM is to launch a BSc Honours course. Professor Keith Alexander, CFM's director, believes this will help put the profession on to a growth path since Europe seems likely to follow the United States in the way that facilities management will evolve.

Professor Alexander says: "Professional qualifications in Europe will be based on recognition of first degree courses, together with practical experience." This is the path which has been taken in America, where facilities management is much more developed, and which some other European educational institutions are beginning to follow, he argues.

Another sign of the acceptance of facilities management as a professional discipline has been the decision by the Royal Institute of British Architects to accept the CFM diploma as an exemption from its part two examinations in architecture.

A broadly based facilities and environment management MSc course at University College London is about to enter its second year and a number of colleges are starting to follow a similar path to cater for facilities management as a speciality.

The University for the West of England, Bristol, is planning a diploma course in facilities management which can be extended to an MSc to be launched this autumn. It reflects the university's strength in the surveying, quantity surveying and maintenance aspects of facilities management.

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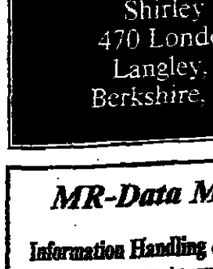
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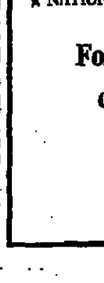
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Warning by Gunnell as casualty list grows

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NICE

AT A time of growing apprehension with regard to the number of British athletes suffering injury or illness, Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson tonight seek to maintain their momentum towards the world championships in Stuttgart next month. Neither has lost over hurdles this season and there is no reason to suppose that either will in the IAAF/Mobil grand prix meeting here.

The British dish for this evening is rich, though not plentiful: Gunnell and Jackson but hardly any other Briton competing. For most it is a night off before the grand prix at Crystal Palace on Friday: for others, Friday will pass as another opportunity for world championship selection lost.

Curtis Robb, Roger Black and Kevin McKay are examples of potential world championship finalists who, because of viral illness, will not be competing at Crystal Palace. Jon Ridgeon and Peter Elliott are examples of injured athletes out for the season, in need of operations, perhaps never to return.

Mick Hill and David Grindley, winners on the grand prix circuit this season, have left Britain's selectors wondering whether they are picking over injured bones. When Hill and Grindley were named on Sunday in the team for Stuttgart, both were under treatment.

Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, spoke of the "ravages" which the expanding competition programme is having on athletes. The doubling of the frequency of the world championships, from every four years to every two, and of the European Cup, from biennial to annual, risks increasing the strain.

"We could do without the European Cup every year," Gunnell said yesterday, adding that she may have to choose between the Commonwealth Games and European championships next year.

While Dick predicts increasing burn-out among athletes unless the calendar sheds some of its load, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) is caught between its commercial interests and athlete welfare. It does what it can until the forces of avarice take over.

Resisting the temptation to call on Jenny Clague, an outstanding teenage distance runner, to fill in for the injured Liz McColgan in the European Cup last month, the BAF showed commendable caution. Yet there are other young athletes equally in need of protection who are not receiving it because of their developing profiles, and thus their value to television, the hand that feeds the sport. The vicious circle of television and sponsorship, which rescued British athletics from near bankruptcy a few years ago, must be satisfied.

Clague had run 32min 41.29sec which, at the time of the European Cup, was the fastest this year by a British woman: but the BAF said, through its spokesman, Tony Ward, that "she was not considered because she is only 19 and we do not want to blast her off target".

Yet Paula Radcliffe and David Grindley are two young athletes who this season have been put under pressure to race against their wishes. Grindley, the 20-year-old European Cup 400 metres winner, recently suffered a knee injury which his coach, Chris Butler, said was "brought about by one or two more races than we intended". Radcliffe, 19, is racing in the 3,000 metres at Crystal Palace on Friday because she feels she has to.

Malcolm Brown, the British team doctor, says he has never known the rate of viral-related casualties to have been so high. Injuries, too, were happening at an alarming rate.

"It is becoming harder and harder to qualify for major championships and there is no year to allow for regeneration," Brown said.

As she flew here yesterday Gunnell said that, given the impossible demands being made on athletes, it was just as well she did not have too many years left in athletics. Sadly, though, even an Olympic champion's cry for help will make no difference. The dollar wins every time against the athlete.



Jackson: momentum

JOHN POWELL



Spearhead: Fitzpatrick, the Australian fast bowler, waits patiently for her chance to shine

Female Merv not all she seams



Sarah Potter, the former England player, looks at Australia's chances in the women's cricket World Cup

Yorkshire cricket-lovers ought to be licking their lips. Allan Border's men dish up the main course at Headingley tomorrow but the appetiser will be served by Australia's women when they play their first World Cup match of serious note, against India at Collingham today.

The Wetherby league ground is known to both sides. Cosy and atmospheric, it is perfect for the occasion. India drew a Test match there in 1986 and Australia, in addition to dominating a damp Test the following year, comfortably beat a North of England team there on Saturday.

Australia are professional from warm-up exercises to victory handshakes. They have held the World Cup since 1978 and have no thoughts of surrendering the silverware. This is a blow to the other seven nations: as all the finals since the competition's inception 20 years ago have been contested by England and Australia, six of them have probably forgotten what the cup looks like.

If the 28 round-robin matches go with form, and the weather does not interfere, three captains can dream seriously of holding the cup aloft on August 1 — Lyn Larsen, of Australia, Sarah Illingworth, of New Zealand, and Karen Smithies, of England. Larsen has led her national side since 1986 and is shocked to the thigh-pad at the low status of the women's game here, in the land where it all began.

Women's cricket, Aussie-style, is different. Sport and money do not always go together like the proverbial horse and carriage, but with government scholarships that ensure players are not out of pocket on tour and an Aus$50,000 annual investment from Shell, there is no better fertiliser for the women's game in Australia. Grassroots cricket has had a generous spread of money and the game is growing fast.

"We have a good base to choose from, and we could probably pick a second XI which would be competitive in this tournament," Larsen said.

Their side was picked as long ago as January and has been preparing since. Seven of them toured here in 1987, but it was the new talent that caught the eye at Collingham on Saturday, especially Cathryn Fitzpatrick, a 25-year-old Victorian fast bowler of familiar Australian mould: mean and quick. Not quite as mean as Merv Hughes but certainly as quick as a male medium-pacer. She is possibly the fastest woman bowler around, and an unusual job has helped her fitness and strength.

"Fitzie is a garbage collector," Larsen said. "We have these big wheelie-bins and basically she just throws them on the back of the truck."

There are plenty of pace options at the Australians' disposal. But it is not all fire and thunder. Sharyn Bow, another newcomer, is set to make a big impression with her leg spin. The flash of blonde hair and the bowling action are not dissimilar to that other tormentor, Shane Warne. There is no comparison in the amount of turn, but she has good flight and promises plenty of wickets.

As is often the case, the real strength of the side lies in the batting: women have learned to compensate for lack of power with skill and finesse. Belinda Clarke is rated the best young batsman around and underlined the thought with a century on Saturday. She never looked like getting out. Clarke is emulating an Australian tradition. The diminutive Denise Annetts toured here in 1987 and refused to be shifted from the crease. She has an outlandish one-day average and added to it on Saturday, hitting a brisk 70 before retiring.

Other comparisons with Border's men might be made — a sunglasses company have dished out some colourful wrap-around shades to the Australians.

They have the talent and confidence to make the finial, at the very least, and Larsen is keener than most to return to Lord's, with or without the shades. "For me, the day in 1987 escaped," she said. "It was rain-affected and there was no crowd, no atmosphere." I wince at the memory of my second-ball duck that day and know exactly what she means.

"I hope to get there again and that it's a bigger occasion. There is high expectation back home because of our success, so I'll be relieved when August has come and gone." If her side plays to potential, the relief will be shared with the other seven competing countries.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Graf beaten as cup holders go down

TENNIS: Steffi Graf was surprisingly defeated by Nicole Provis, of Australia, at the Federation Cup tournament in Frankfurt yesterday, in the German's first match since she won Wimbledon. The world No 1, who has been suffering with a foot injury, and trained for the first time for two weeks last Friday, was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 by Provis, who is ranked No 28 in the world. The result triggered an unexpected 2-1 defeat of the cup holders by Australia, who won the deciding doubles rubber when Elizabeth Smylie and Rennae Stubbs beat Anke Huber and Barbara Rittner 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Huber had beaten Smylie 6-1, 6-2.

Graf took two weeks off after Wimbledon to rest the foot injury. Against Provis, she was wildly off target with her forehands and unable to find anything approaching her normal speed. Graf later complained of a shoulder injury.

Britain lost their first-round tie with Spain, the top seeds, 3-0. Conchita Martinez beat Jo Durie 6-2, 6-1, Arantxa Sánchez Vicário beat Clare Wood 6-3, 6-1, and Sánchez Vicario and Martinez beat Durie and Wood 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Distinguished absentee

SWIMMING: Norbert Rozsa, who had looked the biggest threat to Nick Gillingham winning a record third European 200 metres breaststroke title for Britain in Sheffield in a fortnight, has switched his allegiance from Hungary to Australia. Gillingham has expressed his regret at "not having the very best possible to compete against", but acknowledged, after setting the fastest time in the world this year at 100 and 200 metres breaststroke last month, that "nothing can be taken for granted, no matter who is there [at Sheffield] or not". Rozsa, 21, has been living and training in Perth since April and was awarded permanent residency in Australia yesterday under "distinguished talent" status.

Grinhaff passed over

WATER SKIING: The Great Britain team for the world and European championships does not, for the first time, include the men's national overall champion. Marc Grinhaff, who beat the favourites to take the title last weekend, heads the under-21 team. Selected in the senior squad instead of Grinhaff is Jodi Fisher, who finished two points behind him.

TEAMS: Senior: J Battelday, P Roberts, J Fisher, C Williams, P Studd, N Huntridge. Reserve: J Seals. Individual: A Mapple. Under-21s: M Grinhaff, J Seals, C Williams, N Huntridge. Reserve: N Heaney. Junior: J Seals, G Campbell, P Price, L Ringrose. Individual: V Campbell. Dauphin team: T Asher, D Sherman, M Toms, R Crosland. Individual: L Adams

Future of title assured

SNOOKER: The United Kingdom championship will be sponsored for the next three years by Royal Liver Assurance. The total prize-money for the period will exceed £1.1 million with the championship this year, the concluding stages of which are scheduled for Preston Guild Hall from November 12-28, worth £375,000. John Spencer, the former world champion, who is chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, said: "The event is now guaranteed until 1995 and it proves once again that snooker remains a major and a high-profile sport."

Tie-break in Times Cup

RIFLE SHOOTING: Mike Baillie-Hamilton, of West Atholl, who is on the short-list for the Scotland Commonwealth Games team and has been winning consistently at the Bisley meeting, won The Times Challenge Cup by one point yesterday after a five-man tie-break. The second and third, Ian Jones and Mike Coutts, both had the same score and had to be separated by the number of shots in the 3.75in diameter of the centre of the bull. The first stage of the Queen's Prize is to be shot today, when the original entry of 1,400 will be reduced to 300 for the second stage on Friday.

Forward planning

HOCKEY: Great Britain have announced a 19-strong squad for training in August as early preparation for the Champions Trophy in Lahore, Pakistan, early next year. The programme, over three weekends, will include training matches against South Africa, the United States under-21 side and Australia.

SQUAD: Mahmood Bhatti (Eng), Jasbinder Chana (Eng), A Colclough (Wales), R Crutchley (Eng), B Davies (Wales), P Doney (Scot), P Edwards (Wales), R Freeland (Scot), D Hackett (Wales), C Hector (Scot), I Hughes-Rowlands (Wales), A Humphrey (Eng), J Lee (Eng), C Mayer (Eng), A Milne (Scot), P Nail (Eng), S Rowlands (Eng), A Seaton (Scot), A Sword (Scot).

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday July 24

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Chelsea v Dovelon
X Clifton Hill v Clarinda
1 E Brunswick v Bentleigh
X Mooroolbk v Sandrgh'm
2 S Caulfield v Springvale U
1 Sunbury v Box Hill
1 Waverley v Nunawading

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
2 Cono v Pascoe Vale
1 Keilor v Dandenong
X Lalor Utd v Essendon
X Moorabbin v Fitzroy
1 Regent v Seaford Utd
1 S Dandenng v Melbourne

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
2 Boronia v Langwarrin
2 Cranbourne v E Altona
X Geelong v Mornington
1 Rosanna v Malvern
X S Spr gvale v SH Polonia
1 Yarraville v Coburg

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 Ballarat v Forest Hill
2 Berwick v E Geelong
X Brandon v Frankston U
1 Springvale C v Lalor
1 Westvale v Heidelberg
1 Williamstown v S Wantirna
2 Yallourn v Melton

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
2 Brunswick v Hoppers
1 E Richmond v Hampton
X N Glenroy v Knox Park
1 N Sunshine v Lyndale
1 Old Scotch v Keysboro
2 Wantirna v Monbulk

WESTERN AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Bassendean v Bayswater
2 Fremantle v Athena
X Kalmscott v Kingsway
1 N Perth v Spearwood
2 Osborne Pk v Stirling M
2 Sorrento v Perth Ital

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
X Balga v Danella

1 Gosnells v Ashfield
1 Melville v Armadale Pk
1 Morley v Swan IC
2 North Lake v Stirling T
2 Queens Pk v Wanneroo
1 S Vardar v Swan Crac

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Croydon v Para Hills
2 Enfield v Blue Eagles
X Modbury v Adelaide
1 Salisbury v Woodville
1 WT Bekalta v Olympians

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Labrobe v Redlands
2 Logan v Newmarket

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
X Brighton D v Clairvaux
2 Oxley v Samford
X Pine Hills v Virginia

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
X Burnie v Georgetown
1 Launceston v Somerset
1 Olympic v Croatia

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BEST DRAWS: Mooroolbark, Moorabbin, Balga, Modbury, Pine Hills

AWAYS: Pascoe Vale, Langwarrin, East Altona, East Geelong, Melton, Monbulk, Stirling Macedonia, Perth Ital.

HOMES: Chelsea, Regent, South Dandenong, Yarraville, Westvale, East Richmond, North Sunshine, North Perth, Gosnells, Salisbury, Launceston, Olympic

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

PISTILLODE

(c) In botany, a rudimentary pistil, from *pistil* + *-ode*: "The precise configuration of antherodes and pistillodes in relation to other floral parts is likely to prove of considerable taxonomic value."

STOMION

(a) The entrance to an ancient tomb, from the Greek *stomion* a little mouth, diminutive of *stoma* a mouth: "Towards the middle of the 7th century the same tomb was re-used by cutting a passage through the filling of the dromos of the first burial to provide access to the stomion of the chamber."

BHUT

(c) In India, a spirit, demon or goblin, from the Hindi *bhūt*, from the Sanskrit *bhūta* literally "become, been, existing": "People who have died violent deaths are specially likely to become bhuts."

LAMINARIA

(a) A thin, flat, brown seaweed of the genus so called, also known as oar-weed or kelp, from the Latin *lamina* thin plate or leaf: George Eliot, *Journal*, June 1857: "A long stretch of fine pale sand where the large roots of the laminaria were thrown up in abundance."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White can win with 1 gxf6! Rxe1 (1 ... Rxf4 2 Rf1! will force the promotion of the pawn) 2 f7 and queens.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BARCELONA: International meeting: Men: 100m: R Stewart (Jam), 10.43sec. 400m: S Kitur (Ken), 45.36. 1,500m: 1, F Cacho (Sp), 3min 33.39sec; 7, I Wellens (Sp), 3:35.95. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.30m. Pole vault: S Bubka (Ukr), 5.61. Hammer: S Kimnesov (Russ), 76.20. Women: 100m: 1, P Davis (Bah), 11.51sec, 2, B Kinch (GB), 11.55. 400m: C Williams (Jam), 51.69. 1,500m: G Griffiths (SA), 4min 10.64sec. Long jump: S Tiedke (Ger), 6.69m. Discus: M Marten (Cuba), 63.46.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 6, Montreal Expos 2; Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati Reds 4; Florida Marlins 3, Colorado Rockies 1, Houston Astros 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; St Louis Cardinals 4, Atlanta Braves 0, New York Mets 2, San Diego Padres 1 (10 inns), Philadelphia Phillies 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 4, Oakland Athletics 3; Minnesota Twins 4, Detroit Tigers 2; New York Yankees 8, Seattle Mariners 2; Baltimore Orioles 8, Kansas City Royals 5; Boston Red Sox 8, California Angels 6, Toronto Blue Jays 15, Chicago White Sox 7; Texas Rangers 5, Milwaukee Brewers 3

CRICKET

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Surrey (1)	9	4	2	3	25	31	120
Lancs (10)	9	4	1	4	23	24	111
Yorks (5)	8	3	0	5	22	26	95
Notts (14)	10	2	2	6	27	32	91
Sussex (9)	9	2	2	5	26	28	84
Durham (6)	9	2	4	3	22	27	81
Somerset (13)	10	2	2	6	27	20	79
Essex (16)	8	2	4	3	15	28	76
Kent (8)	10	2	2	6	19	22	73
Northants (2)	9	2	0	7	16	21	69
Worcs (15)	9	2	2	5	15	20	67
Hants (4)	10	1	1	8	20	23	59
Warwicks (12)	9	1	2	6	21	19	56
Derby (11)	10	0	1	9	20	27	47
Glouos (3)	7	0	0	7	19	23	42
Glamorgan (17)	11	0	0	8	16	25	41
Lecs (15)	10	0	3	7	10	26	36

(1992 positions in brackets)

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British open championships: Singles: D Openshaw bt S Tuke, +25, +25; C Clarke bt R Ransom, +25bp, +26bp; D Wiggins bt K Jones, +26bp, +11; D Cornelius bt R Brown, +15, -26, +19; S Cornish bt D Magnes, +16bp, +26bp; M Haggerston bt E Neal, +17, +13; D Gunesekera bt D Shipston, +23, +22bp; W Lamb bt R Lowe, +14, +15, J Dawson bt J Guest, +5, +7; W Coles bt M Llewellyn-Williams, +17, +14, P Day bt R LeMaitre, +13, +21bp; A Saunn bt G Liddiard, +3, +1; M Avery bt A Mrozinski, -16, +26, +12. Doubles: W Lamb and P Tavender bt T Burge and M Murray, +25, +25, J Dawson and D Wiggins bt A Gregory and K Jones, +26, +23bp, I Burridge and S Cornish bt R LeMaitre and W Louw, +25, -19, +23bp, G Noble and I Vincent bt R Hilditch and A Mrozinski, +5, +22bp. N Aspinall and S Mulliner bt M Avery and D Cornelius, -16, +26bp, +18bp, P Day and J Goddard bt D Goacher and M Heap, -4, +15, +2bp, R Brown and R Lowe bt W E Lamb and P Tavender, -14, +12, +23; J Dawson and D Wiggins bt G Noble and I Vincent, +18, -23, +4

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA: Women's Intercontinental cup: Pool A: France 0, Germany 2; United States 1, Argentina 2; India 2, Italy 0. Group B: Canada 1, Scotland 0.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGE RALLIES: Watton stages (Norfolk): 1, C Wood (Fiesta Cosworth), 1hr 22min 05sec; 2, R Smithson (Escort Cosworth), 1.23.02. Aldon Automotive stages (Shropshire): 1, P Gerbez (Escort), 40min 19sec; 2, C Pye (Escort), 40.32; 3, D McGinnigle (Talbot Sunbeam), 40.42. Drystone rally (Derbyshire): 1, M Payne (Fiesta), 2.44; 2, C Billings (VW Golf), 2.58. Battle of Britain stages (Cumbria): 1, R Mawson (Escort), 20.19; 2, A Robson (Escort) 20.24; 3, B McMillan (Daman), 20.27.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA imperial meeting: Daily Telegraph Challenge Cup (after tie): 1, M Baillie-Hamilton, 50 (10/25.2; 2, J Carmichael, 50,10/24.4. Howcroft Newspaper aggregate: 1, Baillie-Hamilton, 150.29, 2, G Atkinson, 150.20; 3, Carmichael, 149.28. The Times challenge cup (300 yds): 1, M Baillie-Hamilton (West Atholl), 50/25.4; 2, I Jones (Jersey), 24.3; 3, M Coutts (Wandsworth), 24.2. 4, D Gillett (Sevenoaks School), 24.3; 5, D Burger (S Africa), 23.3. Wimbledon cup (600 yds): 1, A Ringer (Uppingham Vets), 99.10; 2, S Collings (Windsor), 50.9; 3, N Penn (Bedfordians), 50.0. Eldington aggregate (600 and 1,000 yds): 1, R Jobson (Cornwall), 144.18; 2, WO J Dundon (RA), 144.16, 3, S Penrose (Stock Exchange), 144.13. Stock Exchange aggregate (300, 500 and 600 yds): 1, Collings 150.25; 2, G Barnett (OGRE), 150.23; 3, U R Breitmeyer (Blues and Royals), 150.19. New Zealand aggregate (all ranges): 1, J Carmichael (Bromsgrove), 247.39; 2, J Jackman (O Johnian), 247.27; 3, Collings 246.41. Floor fourteen aggregate (300, 600 and 900 yds): 1, Collings 148.26; 2, G Childs (Devon), 148.23; 3, W Sherman (N London), 148.17. Donegall cup (300 yds): 1, A Tucker (Twickenham), 50/25.5; 2, G Crowe (81 Battery RC), 50/24.3; 3, J Peachey (Old Johnians), 50/23.2. Palma aggregate (900 and 1,000 yds): 1, A Lockman (Surrey University), 182.22; 2, M Khalib-Stepowics (Bedfordians), 182.18; 3, Dundon 181.20. Plastic Open 1500: Four-man teams: 1, Marylebone, 2,230 (75x); Two-man teams: 1, High Wycombe, 1,179 (62x). Individual: High master: L Chisholm, 1,469; master: J Mansbridge, 1,477. Standard handgun: 1, P Leatherdale 583; 2, T Armstrong 578. Standard pistol: 1, R Duckworth 559; 2, M Gault 558; 3, Armstrong 557.

SWIMMING

LEEDS: National age-group championships: Boys: 17/18: 200m freestyle: P Bavister (City of Coventry), 1min 58.57sec. 100m breaststroke: A Ayres (City of Swansea), 1.06.67. 100m butterfly: D Carr (Dronfield), 58.38sec. Girls: 17/18: 100m freestyle: H Billington (St Helens), 59.57. 400m individual medley: V Hale (City of Swansea), 5min 00.74sec.

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: Federation Cup: First round: Bulgaria bt South Korea, 2-1; Finland bt Chile, 3-0; Czechoslowekia bt South Africa, 2-1; Italy bt Israel, 3-0; Sweden bt Uruguay, 3-0; Argentina bt New Zealand, 3-0; France bt Canada, 2-1; Indonesia bt Poland, 2-1; Spain bt Britain, 3-0 (Spanish names first: C Martinez bt J Durie, 6-2, 6-1; A Sánchez-Vicario bt C Wood, 6-3, 6-0; Sanchez-Vicario and Martinez bt Durie and Wood, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1); Australia bt Germany, 2-1 (Australian names first: E Smylie lost to A Huber, 1-6, 2-6, N Provis bt S Graf, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; Smylie and R Stubbs bt Huber and B Rittner, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3), United States bt Switzerland, 3-0 (American names first: L Davenport bt C Fauche, 6-4, 6-3; L McNeil bt E Zardo, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Grossman and D Graham bt Zardo and J Manta, 6-3, 6-1); Holland bt Croatia, 3-0 (Dutch names first: S Rottier bt M Muric, 6-2, 6-0; M Oremans bt N Ercegovic, 6-1, 6-1; Oremans and K Boogert bt Muric and S Talaja, 6-2, 6-0); Japan bt Colombia, 3-0 (Japanese names first: M Endo bt C Giraldo, 2-6, 6-0, 6-0; N Sawamatsu bt C Hincapie, 6-1, 6-2; R Hiraki and N Miyagi bt Hincapie and Giraldo, 7-5, 6-4); Denmark bt Austria, 2-1 (Danish names first: S Albirus bt S Dopler, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; K Pedersk lost to J Wiesner, 2-6, 2-6; T Schiøtz-Larsen and J Pedersk bt T Wiesner and P Ritter, 6-3, 7-6); China bt Peru, 2-1 (Chinese names first: Bi Ying bt P Vasquez, 6-1, 6-4; Li Fang lost to L Gildemeister, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6; Li Fang and Bi Ying bt Vasquez and Gildemeister, 6-4, 6-0); Latvia bt Belgium, 2-1 (Latvian names first: A Blumbarga bt N Feber, 6-3, 6-3; L Neiland lost to D Monami, 1-6, 7-5, 1-6; Neiland and Blumbarga bt L Courtois and Feber, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3).

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt M Nawe (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; D Vacek (Cz) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; G Raoux (Fr) bt G Dzaida (Lat), 6-4, 6-4; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Gessner (Ger), 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 7-8, 2-6, 7-6; T Carbonell (Sp) bt J Oncins (Br), 7-5, 6-3; A Medvedi (Ung) bt D Rikl (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt R Furlan (It), 7-5, 6-3; C Ammis (Ger) bt D Princet (Ger), 6-3, 6-2. Second round: B Karbacher (Ger) bt Raoux, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

WASHINGTON: Men's tournament: First round: S Matsuoka (Japan) bt J Roddick (US), 6-2, 6-3; B Black (Zim) bt V Spadea (US), 6-3, 6-3; J Morgan (Aus) bt L Herrera (Mex), 7-6, 6-2; R Weiss (US) bt B Garner (US), 6-3, 6-2; C van Rensburg (SA) bt C Garner (US), 6-3, 6-2; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt S Humphries (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Tarango (US) bt B Shelton (US), 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-1, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt M Zöcks (Ger), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; M Hadad (Col) bt B Pearce (US), 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Knowles (Bah) bt M Kaplan (US), 7-6, 6-3; A Krickstein bt B Steven (NZ), 6-4, 6-2.

YACHTING

COWES: Two ton world championship (after five races of seven): 1, Shockwave (N Crichton, Farr, NZ); 2, Larouge (D DeGennaro, Farr, It); 3, Corum Rubis (M Kermarec, Farr, Fr). 50-foot: Fourth race: 1, Indulgence (G Walker, Farr, GB); 2, Container (U Schutz, Judel/Vrolijk, Ger); 3, Heaven is Irish (W Johns, Farr, Aus); 4, Champosa VII (M Morita, Reichel/Pugh, US); 5, Capricorno (R del Bono, Briand, It); 6, Carat VII (W Foras, Farr, Swe). Fifth race: 1, Mendrelek (G Carriero, Farr, It); 2, Heaven is Irish; 3, Regenmuffin (S Fischer, Farr, Aus); 4, Commerher; 5, Corum Saphir (J Bannwart, Farr, Fr).

470 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Third race: 1, Nakamura and Takagi (Japan); 2, Brossard and Della Torre (It); 3, Westerlund and Wallin (Swe); 4, Rensch and Haverland (Ger); 5, Tepper and Tapper (Fin).

British placings: 17, Merricks and Rios; 24, Brotherton and Calder.

CRICKET

Women's World Cup
League stage, 10.45, 50 overs
COLLINGHAM: Australia v India.
OXFORD (Christ Church): Denmark v Ireland.
BECKENHAM: England v New Zealand.
MEIR HEATH/STAFFS: Holland v West Indies.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Lutton: Bedfordshire v Staffordshire. Marlow: Buckinghamshire v Cumberland. Bowdon: Cheshire v Devon. Jesmond: Northumberland v Norfolk.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire. Stratton Green: Durham v Kent. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex. Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Somerset. The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex. Griff and Coton, Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British open championships (Hurlingham).
FOOTBALL: Pre-season matches (7.30 unless stated): Hereford United v Birmingham City; Plymouth Argyle v Sheffield. Wednesday; Southend United v Chelsea (7.45); Trowbridge Town v Bristol City; Atherton LR v Bolton Wanderers; Yate Town v Bristol Rovers; Newcastle Town v Hartlepool United; Selby Town v York City.
SHOOTING: NRA imperial meeting (Bisley).

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings, average 53.06

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D C Boon	9	14	2	1116	184*	93.00	7	2
M J Slater	10	16	4	1017	152	84.75	4	6
N Hussain	11	17	3	921	152	65.78	5	2
K J Barnett	11	16	2	897	168	64.07	5	1
D R Martyn	9	10	1	572	138*	63.55	3	2
G A Gooch	10	18	1	1070	133	62.94	3	8
M E Waugh	10	14	2	755	178	62.91	1	7
J E Emburey	10	12	5	434	123	62.00	1	4
G A Hick	10	16	2	863	187	61.64	3	4
N J Llong	9	12	2	606	116*	60.60	2	3
S R Waugh	11	16	7	473	124	59.12	1	1
I V A Richards	11	21	6	872	224*	58.13	2	4
J P Crawley	11	18	3	852	167*	56.80	1	5
D L Haynes	8	13	2	617	115	56.09	2	4
M L Hayden	10	16	1	832	151*	55.46	2	5
A P Wells	10	15	1	771	144	55.07	3	3
H Morris	12	22	2	1100	134*	55.00	5	4
C W J Athey	9	15	1	767	137	54.78	3	3
D R Pringle	9	13	4	479	76	53.22	—	5
R T Robinson	10	18	3	796	139*	53.06	3	5

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, average 24.69

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
A P Igglesden	294.3	75	683	42	16.26	6-58	3	1
Waqar Younis	254.5	58	750	46	16.30	6-42	4	—
M P Bicknell	353.2	104	886	52	17.03	6-43	4	1
K M Curran	275.3	70	775	41	18.90	7-47	3	—
Wasim Akram	186.2	49	477	25	19.08	6-45	2	—
S K Warne	443.5	171	993	51	19.47	5-61	1	—
M A Robinson	279.1	76	831	32	19.71	9-57	2	1
W K M Benjamin	193.3	55	499	24	20.79	7-83	2	—
K C G Benjamin	242.5	35	768	36	21.27	6-70	2	—
S L Watkin	459	105	1256	59	21.28	5-71	2	—
C E L Ambrose	222.5	59	511	24	21.29	5-78	1	—
E E Hemmings	376.1	107	921	40	23.02	7-31	2	1
K E Cooper	245.2	66	507	22	23.04	5-83	1	—
G J Parsons	260	78	636	27	23.63	3-30	—	—
J E Emburey	470	152	899	38	23.65	6-87	1	—
M G Field-Buss	243.3	64	574	24	23.91	6-42	1	—
A R Caddick	352.1	76	1043	43	24.25	9-32	3	3
M G Hughes	268.1	62	757	31	24.41	5-62	1	—
R K Illingworth	287	94	682	27	24.51	6-28	1	—
N F Williams	268.2	45	815	33	24.69	6-61	1	—

☐ TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

Tavaré decides to retire

THE day after Ian Botham retired from first-class cricket, a former England colleague announced that he is to follow suit. Chris Tavaré, 38, the Somerset captain, said yesterday that he is to leave county cricket at the end of the season (Simon Wilde writes).

Tavaré played a very different game to Botham — he accumulated runs through dogged defence against all types of attacks — but could be equally invaluable. They combined to greatest effect against Australia at Old Trafford in 1981 when they put on 149 in two hours to turn the match: Botham's share was 118, Tavaré's 28. In all, Tavaré batted seven hours for 78.

Tavaré was perhaps more comfortable about his playing an anchor role than were the selectors, who dropped him against West Indies in 1980 for not being adventurous enough, but he could bat aggressively when required, as he showed during his 83 at Melbourne in 1982-3. In 31 Tests between 1980 and 1989, he scored 1,755 runs at an average of 32.50. The higher of his two Test centuries was 149 in Delhi in 1981-2.

Tavaré played for Kent between 1974 and 1989, captaining the side in 1983 and 1984 before being peremptorily dismissed. His career-best score of 219 against Sussex at Hove in 1990 occupied 413 balls.

Peter Anderson, the chief executive of Somerset, said: "Chris has decided to make his announcement now to give us time to choose a successor."

☐ Merv Hughes, who has not bowled since suffering a groin strain over two weeks ago, has confirmed he will be fit for the fourth Test, which begins at Headingley tomorrow.

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Talented Platini warrants respect

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

IT WAS back in 1952 that Niederlander travelled from Germany to contest the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. An unconsidered 66-1 shot, Niederlander performed in accordance with those odds to finish unplaced behind Tulyar, prompting the form book compiler to record of the five-year-old: "big; leggy; scope; no chance."

That inaugural German challenge may have made little impact on the Ascot showpiece, but Platini's bid for the glittering prize on Saturday demands to be taken more seriously.

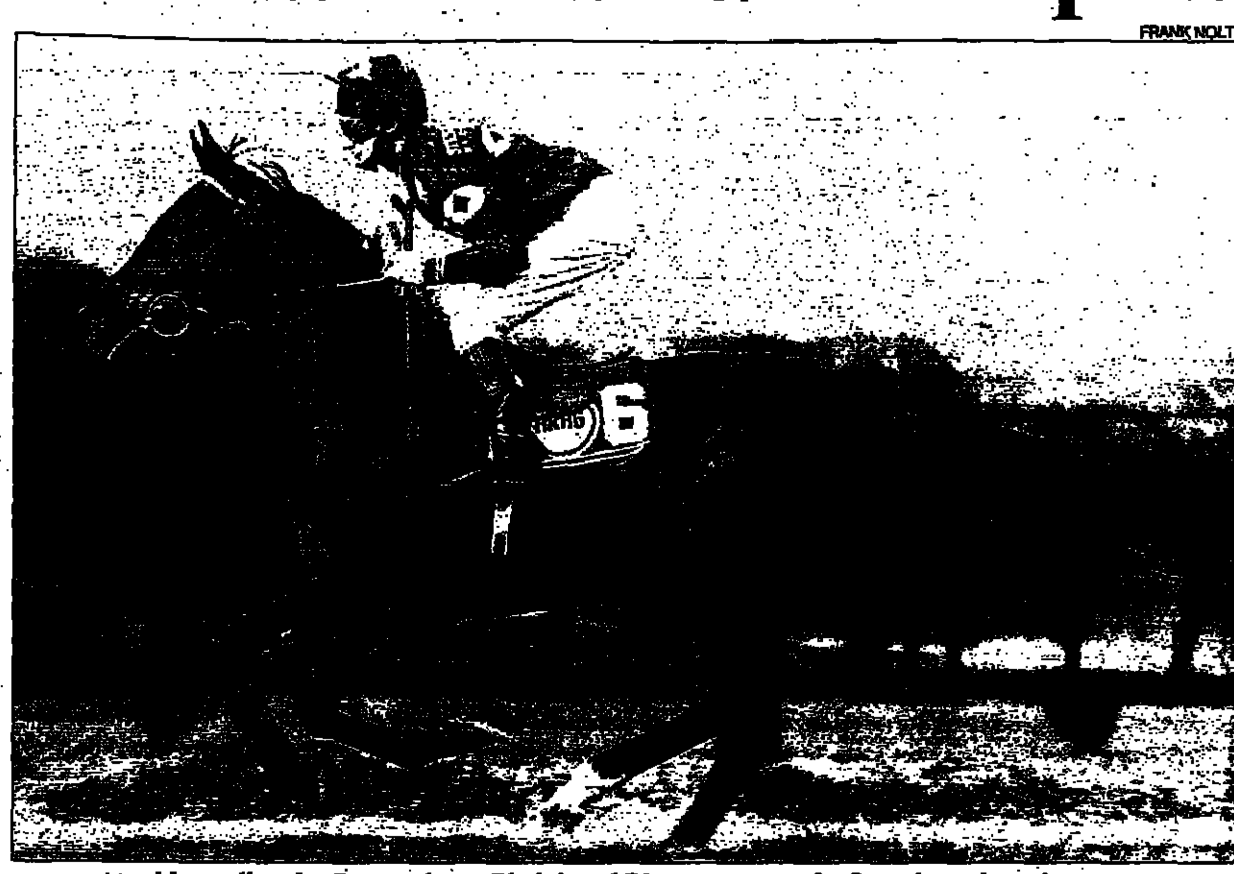
Indeed, so impressed was *Timeform's* representative with Platini's seasonal debut victory at Baden-Baden in May, that the colt is rated only 1lb below Commander In Chief, who heads the publication's ratings for the King George.

On that occasion, Platini handed out 5lb and a near five-length drubbing to Karinga Bay with the consistent Ruby Tiger further back in fifth. Karinga Bay's subsequent Eclipse effort — a 4½-length fourth to Opera House at level weights — suggests Platini's chance is marginally better than that of Opera House, a 6-1 chance on Saturday.

Platini's own 16-1 quote takes due account of the arduous journey he faces, yet the horse travelled contentedly to Italy to win the Gran Premio di Milano in difficult circumstances on his last start.

Nevertheless, Platini's trainer, the Cologne-based Bruno Schutz, is fully aware of the disadvantage when he says: "If we are narrowly beaten into third, I will go back to Germany thinking we would beat those horses on home turf."

FRANK NOLTING



Attacking policy: the German hope, Platini, and Rimmer prepare for Saturday's showpiece at Ascot

Platini is owned by Albert Steigenberger, son of Egon, founder of the massive German hotel chain.

The Schutz-Steigenberger alliance did, in fact, foray to these shores last year when Elsurimo finished a distant *sixth in the Goodwood Cup.*

If the horse's effort did not register indelibly with racegoers, the Jockey Club will certainly have a more vivid recollection of it.

Steigenberger's race silks bore the unmistakable endorsement of the family hotel group, and the club's wrath at *such blatant commercialism* greatly surprised the horse's connections. "Don't worry, we have prepared some silks without advertising for Saturday," Schutz said.

Schutz, 53, houses the largest string in Germany and was champion trainer last year, both by races won and prize-money earnt. His *DM4.5 million (£1.8 million)* haul amounted to a German record, prompting Maktoum Al-Maktoum to despatch 12 juveniles to Schutz's stable for the first time.

Of the ten to run to date, eight are winners and the other two have been placed.

German breeding policy *has been throwing up horses* of limitless stamina and precious little in the way of finishing speed. Platini is an exception, although his trainer says: "If you saw him among 20 other horses, he definitely would not be the one to catch your eye."

However, it would be a dangerous assumption to *write Platini off simply on* account of his unfashionable blood.

It was to that same German blood that Lord Howard de Walden turned in his quest to breed a Derby winner. So he bought the filly, Siyonara, who, when bred to Shirley Heights, produced him Slip Anchor, *the 1985 Blue Riband* winner and sire of Bill Gredley's User Friendly, one of Platini's opponents on Saturday.

The German link with User Friendly does not end there. Platini's jockey, Mark Rimmer, formerly with Hugh Collingridge, has a brother, Gary, who works at Gredley's *Stetchworth Park Stud* and has been involved with Gredley's other King George runner, Environment Friend.

Such family rivalry may contrive to bring the best out of Germany's bold challenge. From where Schutz sits, there is an added incentive to win the King George with Platini, *the horse named after the* footballer. Schutz started his training career in 1966.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

6.20 No Extras. 6.45 Miss Fascination. 7.15 Shujan. 7.45 Zuboon. 8.15 PRAIRIE GROVE (nap). 8.45 Coral Gem.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.15 Shujan.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM ON STRAIGHT COURSE)
DRAW: 5F 6YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.20 WEDNESDAY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,109: 5f 6yd) (8 runners)

101 1221 NO EXTRAS 6 (CD,F,G,S) G L Moore 9-1 B Rouse 4
102 6000 SOBER LAD 18 (V,D,G) J Berry 8-9 Pat Eddery 6
103 00 MARCHMAN 54 C Smith 8-5 G Carter 3
104 0- RIVER REFUGE 316 J Toller 8-2 Dale Gibson 2
105 005 CHILI LADY 48 P Makin 8-0 T Sprake 8
106 0024 SOPHISTICATED AIR 4 (B) I Balding 8-0 S O'Gorman 7
107 0 BENOSO 18 J Pearce 7-13 Elizabeth Turner (7) 5
108 -010 KARUKERA 27 (D,S) B Millman 7-9 D Wright (5) 1

4-5 No Extras, 5-1 Sophisticated Air, 11-2 Karukera, 6-1 Sober Lad, 8-1 Royal Refuge, 10-1 Chili Lady, 25-1 others.

6.45 PACEMAKER & THOROUGHBRED BREEDER RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,018: 1m 14yd) (15)

201 10-00 CLIBURNEL NEWS 25 (F,G) M Tompkins 9-7 S Mulvey 14
202 2310 TONY'S MIST 16 (D,BF,G) R Hannon 9-5 Mark Denaro 12
203 3604 BEZIQUE 26 (S) J Gosden 9-6 J Weaver 9
204 -145 COMANCHE COMPANION 23 (D,S) T Naughton 9-2 A Garth 11
205 0185 LOCHORE 15 (D,G) R Ingram 9-1 S Drowne 2
206 1526 MISS FASCINATION 29 (BF,F) M Jarvis 9-1 K Rutter 10
207 -164 TRIANGLEPOINT 26 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-13 D Harrison 3
208 6060 SLIVOVITZ 8 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 8-12 Stephen Davies 1
209 6104 JUST JAMIE 4 (S) Miss B Sanders 8-11 S Drake (3) 15
210 5402 MEDLAND 29 D Wilson 8-5 L Carter (3) 6
211 00-0 ARABIAN CASTLE 11 S Mellor 8-4 S McCarthy (3) 8
212 4003 MARAT 23 J Jenkins 8-4 Kim McDonnell 13
213 -050 RISK PROOF 42 (S) K Cunningham-Brown 8-4 P Rose (3) 5
214 6400 THATCHED 20 C Wall 8-2 Sally Radford-Howes (3) 4
215 0410 HILLSDOWN BOY 13 (B) S Dow 8-1 A Martinez (3) 7

9-2 Miss Fascination, 5-1 Trianglepoint, 6-1 Bezique, 7-1 Comanche Companion, 8-1 Tony's Mist, Medland, 10-1 Hillsdown Boy, 12-1 Lochore, 14-1 others.

7.15 FAREBROTHER HANDICAP SKY
(£5,602: 1m 6f) (7)

301 024- IRISH STAMP 222J (S) J Pearce 4-9-10 W Carson 4
302 2411 SHUJAN 7 (G,S) R Armstrong 4-9-7 (4ex) L Dettori 7
303 0511 HADDAAJ 20 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 3-8-10 M Roberts 6
304 5002 MATCHING GREEN 35 (S) G Balding 4-8-3 J Williams 1
305 00-5 SHARP TOP 8 (F,S) M Ryan 5-8-2 P McCabe (7) 3
306 0641 IMA RED NECK 9 (V,F) J Moore 4-7-13 (4ex) A McGlone 2
307 6002 BERING ISLAND 7 G Lewis 3-7-9 D Wright (5) 5

2-1 Haddaaj, 3-1 Shujan, 5-1 Ima Red Neck, 6-1 Bering Island, 7-1 Matching Green, 10-1 Sharp Top, 12-1 Irish Stamp.

7.45 TRAVIS PERKINS MAIDEN STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,649: 7f 16yd) (11)

401 BIRD ISLAND J White 9-0 C Avery 9
402 000 GREENFINCH 28 R Hannon 9-0 T Quinn 3
403 IDLE HOUND W Haggas 9-0 Pat Eddery 6
404 04 JAFEICA 11 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 5
405 63 JEAN DE FLORETTE 7 R Spicer 9-0 W R Swinburn 8
406 MEELAAD C Britain 9-0 M Roberts 1
407 NIJO G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 G Carter 11
408 PRIVY COUNCIL D Loder 9-0 L Dettori 4
409 ZUBOON J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 7
410 0 DREAM MISSY 14 J Bosley 8-9 R Perham 2
411 56 ROISIN CLOVER 15 P Kelleway 8-9 R Cochrane 10

11-4 Zuboon, 7-2 Privy Council, 6-1 Idle Hound, Jafeica, 8-1 Meelaad, 16-1 Nijo, Jean Florette, 20-1 others.

8.15 SURREY RACING HANDICAP SKY
(£4,690: 7f 16yd) (11)

501 310- SAAFEND 263 (F) J Sutcliffe 5-10-0 W R Swinburn 9
502 3000 ASSIGNMENT 47 (D,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10-0 T Williams 3
503 00-0 BRAVEBOY 11 C Britain 5-9-11 M Roberts 4
504 0000 TOP PET 18 (F) R Akehurst 3-9-11 T Quinn 11
505 0810 PRAIRIE GROVE 11 (D,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-9 Mark Denaro (7) 2
506 0126 NEITHER NOR 21 (F,S) D Wilson 4-9-8 G Carter 7
507 4190 DOMICKSKY 37 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 5-9-7 W Carson 1
508 0-00 AFFIDARE 63 C Smith 4-9-0 D Holland 10
509 5344 BROUGHTON'S PORT 5 (BF) W Musson 3-8-10 J Reid 6
510 1/00 DUCKEY FUZZ 75 (D,G) R Flower 5-8-8 A McGlone 8
511 4000 SAREEN EXPRESS 6 (D,G) C Wildman 5-7-11 C Rutter 5

4-1 Top Pet, 5-1 Prairie Grove, Neither Nor, 6-1 Domicksky, 7-1 Saafend, 10-1 Broughton's Port, 12-1 Braveboy, Assignment, 20-1 others.

8.45 LBC NEWSTALK 97.3 FM RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES SKY
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,434: 1m 2f 7yd) (10)

601 5400 BRONZE MAQUETTE 28 B McMath 8-11 E Johnson 5
602 4034 CASHELL 28 M Stoute 8-11 L Dettori 10
603 0344 CORAL GEM 51 G Wragg 8-11 M Roberts 7
604 2220 DIPLOMATIST 15 W Jarvis 8-11 J Reid 3
605 0050 HAZY KAY 47 P Kelleway 8-11 R Cochrane 8
606 433 PISH KESH 14 W Muir 8-11 A Clark 6
607 526 RAFIF 18 A Stewart 8-11 W Carson 9
608 635 RASAYEL 18 B Hanbury 8-11 W R Swinburn 4
609 0634 SAKURA QUEEN 40 S Woods 8-11 W Woods 2
610 602 SING A RAINBOW 48 M Channon 8-11 Pat Eddery 1

5-2 Sing A Rainbow, 9-2 Cashell, 5-1 Coral Gem, 6-1 Rasayel, 7-1 Rafif, 12-1 Diplomatist, 14-1 Hazy Kay, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 14 winners from 56 runners, 25%; P Makin, 8 from 37, 21.6%; I Balding, 15 from 87, 17.2%; R Armstrong, 7 from 41, 17.1%; J Sutcliffe, 7 from 43, 16.3%; M Channon, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 51 winners from 282 rides, 18.1%; M Roberts, 38 from 230, 16.5%; W R Swinburn, 29 from 177, 16.4%; T Quinn, 24 from 158, 15.2%; R Cochrane, 23 from 157, 14.6%; L Dettori, 18 from 128, 14.1%.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 3.30 Beauman. REDCAR: 7.25 Lucky Mill. SANDOWN: 6.45 Slivovitz. YARMOUTH: 2.45 Storm. 3.15 Export Mondial, Guesstimation.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.15 Bill Moon. 2.45 Moment Of Glory. 3.15 Hall Bank Cottage. 3.45 Ingozi. 4.15 Pondering. 4.45 Let's Get Lost.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 Sovereign Page.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 SCRATBY HANDICAP
(£3,915: 7f 3yd) (11 runners)

1 4421 SHINING JEWEL 20 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-13 L Piggott 9
2 2655 JAHANGIR 12 (G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-11 B Raymond 7
3 0250 MOUNT FUJI 12 G Wragg 3-9-8 M Hills 3
4 0001 ROCA MURADA 5 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-3 (6ex) P McCabe (7) 11
5 3324 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 11 (BF,G) D Thom 4-8-13 K Rutter (5) 5
6 -514 TAJDID 20 (CD,F) H Thomson Jones 3-8-13 R Hills 4
7 000- BONUS POINT 279 (F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-12 R Cochrane 8
8 0262 BILL MOON 7 (D,F,G) P Felden 7-8-11 Michael Denaro (7) 1
9 0663 TEE GEE JAY 9 (B,S) C Williams 3-8-5 D Harrison (5) 10
10 4505 MISTER BLAKE 7 (B,D,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-5 Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
11 004- SABOTEUR 308 (CD,F,G) W Musson 9-7-7 A Mackay 2

3-1 Roca Murada, 5-1 Bill Moon, Tajdid, 11-2 Shining Jewel, 6-1 Jahangir, Tee Gee Jay, 12-1 Captain Marmalade, 14-1 Mount Fuji, 25-1 others.

2.45 ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,448: 7f 3yd) (12)

1 353 MAJOR SUCCESS 7 B Hills 8-11 D Holland 1
2 652 MOMENT OF GLORY 32 R Williams 8-11 R Cochrane 4
3 056 MOSS HOUSE 22 R Hannon 8-11 B Marcus 7
4 0 MR GORDON BENNETT 37 P Howling 8-11 T Williams 12
5 5020 NORTHERN STORM 9 12 S Woods 8-11 W Woods 11
6 50 ROBBY 8 W Muir 8-11 A Munro 10
7 0660 STORM (B) N Callaghan 8-11 G Hind 8
8 054 BON TON 29 M Channon 8-6 C Rutter 3
9 0 DAME PROSPECT 14 B Hanbury 8-6 B Raymond 2
10 03 FILCH 7 (V) Mrs L Piggott 8-6 L Piggott 5
11 05 LITTLE BID 7 B Hanbury 8-6 M Hills 6
12 PAT'S SPLENDOUR D Morris 8-6 C Hodgson (5) 9

11-4 Major Success, 7-2 Moment Of Glory, 5-1 Moss House, 6-1 Filch, 8-1 Bon Ton, 10-1 Little Bid, 14-1 Dame Prospect, 16-1 Pat's Splendour, 20-1 others.

3.15 BEAUCHAMP MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,002: 6f 3yd) (11)

1 5622 ISLAND KNIGHT 1 M Ryan 4-10-0 L Piggott 1
2 2224 CLANROCK 48 (BF) R Whitaker 3-9-7 A Culhane 5
3 5056 EXPORT MONDIAL 12 (B) J Eustace 3-9-2 M Tebbutt 11
4 -003 SIR OLIVER 13 R Hodges 4-9-2 A Munro 4
5 -600 AHJAY 6 D Wilson 3-9-0 M Wigham 2
6 5-66 RED ADMIRAL 25 P Haslam 3-8-12 R Cochrane 6
7 5054 GUESSTIMATION 13 (B) J Pearce 4-8-11 G Bardwell 10
8 4505 FRIENDLY SMILE 11 G Eden 3-8-7 K Rutter (5) 9
9 2004 KRAYYAN DAWN 22 R Voorspuy 3-8-6 S Dawson 7
10 3502 HALL BANK COTTAGE 8 (B) M Johnston 3-8-3 T Williams 3
11 -000 TASSAGH BRIDGE 14 J Payne 3-8-0 A Mackay 8

4-1 Sir Oliver, 9-2 Hall Bank Cottage, 5-1 Guesstimation, 11-2 Island Knight, 6-1 Clanrock, 8-1 Krayyan Dawn, 10-1 Red Admiral, 12-1 Export Mondial, 16-1 others.

3.45 EBF MEDLER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,191: 5f 43yd) (9)

1 22 DANCE FOCUS 7 W O'Gorman 9-0 Pat Eddery 7
2 4 HERR TRIGGER 7 J Scargill 9-0 L Piggott 6
3 05 MENTMORE LAD 11 N Callaghan 9-0 G Hind 2
4 MISTER O'GRADY Pat Mitchell 9-0 R Cochrane 5
5 0 TONDRES 81 C Britain 9-0 B Marcus 1
6 TONE CONTROL S Woods 9-0 W Woods 4
7 0 EXOTIC FOREST 14 N Wright 8-9 G Duffield 3
8 INGOZI G Wragg 8-9 M Hills 8
9 IRADAH H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 9

9-4 Ingozi, 7-2 Iradah, 4-1 Dance Focus, 6-1 Herr Trigger, 8-1 Exotic Forest, 12-1 Tondres, 14-1 Mentmore Lad, 20-1 Mister O'Grady, 25-1 Tone Control.

4.15 LYDIA EVA CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,399: 2m 2f 51yd) (4)

1 4101 PONDERING 6 (V,G,S) M Pipe 9-7 A Munro 1
2 -682 DANGER BABY 14 Bob Jones 8-3 G Duffield 4
3 0680 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 8 M Channon 8-2 R Hills 3
4 041 SHE KNEW THE RULES 27 (F) M Channon 8-2 C Rutter 2

1-2 Pondering, 11-4 She Knew The Rules, 7-1 Danger Baby, 12-1 Rowlandsons Gold.

4.45 CAISTER HANDICAP (£3,687: 1m 2f 21yd) (5)

1 1113 SOVEREIGN PAGE 19 (CD,BF,F,G) B Hanbury 4-10-0 M Hills 4
2 0010 BIG BLUE 15 (F,G) C Britain 4-9-11 B Doyle (3) 1
3 5-10 LET'S GET LOST 11 (F) W Haggas 4-9-10 L Piggott 2
4 0216 MISS SHAGRA 11 (D,G) M Stoute 3-8-13 B Raymond 5
5 668 THRIVING 10 J Fanshawe 3-8-6 A Munro 3

7-4 Sovereign Page, 11-4 Let's Get Lost, 4-1 Big Blue, 5-1 Miss Shagra, 8-1 Thriving.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; N Callaghan, 8 from 36, 22.2%; G Wragg, 17 from 83, 20.5%; M Stoute, 16 from 81, 19.8%; J Eustace, 3 from 16, 18.8%; H Thomson Jones, 10 from 56, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 winners from 16 rides, 37.5%; Michael Denaro, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Hind, 4 from 16, 25.0%; L Piggott, 10 from 52, 19.2%; R Hills, 19 from 113, 16.8%; M Hills, 11 from 68, 16.2%.

☐ *Pat Eddery is one short of his century for the season after completing a near 18-1 treble on Bobbysoxer, Blurred Image and Prince Azzaan at Folkestone yesterday.*

REDCAR

THUNDERER

6.30 Beneficiary. 6.55 Taghareed. 7.25 Killy's Filly. 7.55 Bay Queen. 8.25 A Gentleman Two. 8.55 Jomove.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.55 TAGHAREED (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.55 TAGHAREED.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 MACMILLAN NURSES APPEAL SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,553: 7f) (11 runners)

1 00 HIGHFIELD LAD 7 T Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning 3
2 003 OUT OF FAVOUR 18 M W Easterby 8-11 K Darley 1
3 60 PARIS SYMPHONY 33 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 4
4 0050 SHARPISH WORDS 18 (B) W Haigh 8-11 S Webster 5
5 0200 SHERIFF 6 J Hills 8-11 R Hills 8
6 0006 STEANARD BOY 21 G Moore 8-11 J Tate (5) 6
7 00 VAN DIEMEN'S LAD 7 M Johnston 8-11 Dean McKeown 10
8 0830 WEST COAST 6 G Moore 8-11 N Connorton 7
9 43 BENEFICIARY 7 (BF) M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch 9
10 6546 BRAMCOTE CENTURY 9 J Hetherton 8-6 J Lowe 11
11 00 DUCHESS DAISY 86 N Tinkler 8-6 Kim Tinkler 2

3-1 Out Of Favour, 7-2 Paris Symphony, 5-1 Beneficiary, 6-1 Sheriff, 10-1 Sharpish Words, 12-1 Bramcote Century, West Coast, 14-1 others.

6.55 CHEVELEY PARK STUD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,200: 6f) (17)

1 0 ANOTHER GOVERNOR 79 C Tinkler 9-0 T Lucas 16
2 04 ARCTIC DIAMOND 6 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 D Thomas (7) 2
3 0 CURIE CRUSADER 58 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 12
4 4 DOUBLE SIXTEEN 6 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 10
5 3 JETHOU 8 (BF) J Watts 9-0 N Connorton 5
6 0 LOCHON 21 W Barker 9-0 S Webster 9
7 586 OVALWORLD 5 D Chapman 9-0 S Wood 6
8 SINBAD J Watts 9-0 J Lowe 11
9 SUSHI BAR Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 4
10 UNCLE DOUG Mrs M Reveley 9-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 3
11 52 LUCKY MESSAGE 8 J Etherington 8-9 W Ryan 13
12 04 MERISSA 9 M W Easterby 8-9 C Dwyer 15
13 NORTHWISE W Haigh 8-9 Dean McKeown 7
14 PRIMUM TEMPUS M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 1
15 36 SUSELJA 16 J Jefferson 8-9 J Fortune 17
16 2 TAGHAREED 32 (BF) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 8
17 TILLY OWL S Norton 8-9 O Pears (5) 14

4-5 Taghareed, 6-1 Lucky Message, 8-1 Double Sixteen, 10-1 Jethou, 16-1 Arctic Diamond, 20-1 Curie Crusader, 25-1 others.

7.25 SAFEWAY HANDICAP SKY
(£3,200: 6f) (8)

1 2365 BALLAD DANCER 4 (C,D,G,S) P Calver 8-9-12 M Birch 2
2 0605 INVIGILATE 5 (CD,F,G) M Wane 4-9-10 K Darley 8
3 -005 ROCK OPERA 35 (F) M Naughton 5-9-6 K Fallon 6
4 2104 KILLY'S FILLY 30 (D,G) J Berry 3-9-1 J Carroll 3
5 0000 FILICAIA 6 (D,F,G) E Incisa 7-8-12 Kim Tinkler 1
6 0005 CLEDESCHAMPS 37 (G) M Ellerby 4-8-10 S Morris 4
7 4066 LUCKY MILL 37 (B) F Lee 3-8-4 R Lappin 7
8 0000 JOVIAL KATE 12 (D,G) B Ellison 6-8-1 S Wood 5

11-4 Invigilate, 7-2 Killy's Filly, 4-1 Ballad Dancer, 5-1 Rock Opera, 7-1 Cledeschamps, 10-1 Jovial Kate, 20-1 others.

7.55 BARBOUR JACKET LIMITED STAKES SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,200: 1m 2f) (5)

1 604 BARRATRY 62 H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 5
2 6006 CUTTHROAT KID 6 S Norton 9-0 K Darley 2
3 4015 SARR 14 (D,F) J Dunlop 9-0 R Hills 4
4 -631 SOLOMON'S DANCER 48 (F) W Haigh 9-0 Dean McKeown 3
5 1600 BAY QUEEN 5 (D,F,S) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton (3) 1

13-8 Solomon's Dancer, 9-4 Bay Queen, 3-1 Sarr, 5-1 Barratry, 25-1 Cutthroat Kid.

8.25 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER CLAIMING STAKES SKY
(£2,070: 2m 4yd) (6)

1 0035 PURITAN 18 (F,S) N Tinkler 4-9-12 Kim Tinkler 3
2 0061 MISTRESS BEE 7 (D,F) D Morley 4-9-7 R Hills 1
3 6/54 A GENTLEMAN TWO 9 (G) J Eyre 7-9-2 O Pears (5) 5
4 3222 ANGELICA PARK 9 (V,F,G) J Wharton 7-9-2 J Quinn 4
5 -000 WORKING TITLE 47 J Hills 3-8-10 W Ryan 2
6 5603 BONNY PRINCESS 14 (V) J Bethell 3-7-7 J Lowe 6

9-4 Angelica Park, 5-2 Mistress Bee, 7-2 A Gentleman Two, 4-1 Bonny Princess, 6-1 Puritan, 12-1 Working Title.

8.55 CLEVELAND POTASH MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,880: 7f) (6)

1 5000 NATCHEZ TRACE 13 (V) I Balding 4-9-10 W Ryan 6
2 0050 GLEN MILLER 11 (B) J Payne 3-9-6 Dean McKeown 1
3 0002 BLAKES BEAU 4 (B,BF) M H Easterby 3-8-12 M Birch 2
4 /024 JOMOVE 14 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 K Darley 5
5 400- SYKE LANE 268 R Whitaker 4-8-8 A Culhane 4
6 2463 SILVER STONE BOY 4 M Camacho 5-8-8 S Webster 3

15-8 Jomove, 5-2 Silver Stone Boy, 7-2 Natchez Trace, 5-1 Blakes Beau, 8-1 Syke Lane, 12-1 Glen Miller.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 22 winners from 67 runners, 32.8%; H R A Cecil, 10 from 31, 32.3%; M Bell, 7 from 24, 29.2%; J W Hills, 11 from 41, 26.8%; J L Dunlop, 9 from 39, 23.1%; I A Balding, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: Darren Moffatt, 6 winners from 23 rides, 26.1%; R Hills, 31 from 124, 25.0%; W Ryan, 19 from 91, 20.9%; K Darley, 34 from 220, 15.5%; M Birch, 26 from 189, 13.8%; K Fallon, 18 from 152, 11.8%.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.30 Ravenspur 4.00 Serotina
3.00 Hever Golf Rose 4.30 Brigg Fair
3.30 Self Expression 5.00 Vismotion

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M ROUND COURSE, LOW NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

2.30 VAUX SAMSON SELLING STAKES (£2,758: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1 (2) 660006- MANULIFE 81J (Dr N Dorward) R Brotherton 4-9-7 A Clark 80
2 (8) 5326-06 RESTLESS MINSTREL 27 (V) (E Carter) J Banks 4-9-7 J Quinn 80
3 (5) 04316-6 GHYLLDALE 82 (V,F,S) (M Handy) R Bastiman 5-9-6 H Bastiman (7) 72
4 (9) 50-5060 BATTUTA 23 (Miss K Watson) G Oldroyd 4-9-2 D Wright (5) 75
5 (4) 223322 POST IMPRESSIONIST 7 (D Cabal) J Harris 4-9-2 L Dettori 82
6 (10) 6000-00 TEN HIGH 54 (J Maxley) J Dooler 4-9-2 N Connorton —
7 (7) 0085 RAVENSPUR 40 (J Myers) J Parkes 3-8-9 M Roberts [top rated]
8 (1) 00-P000 SIMPLY SUPERB 13 (C Spence) M W Easterby 3-8-9 T Lucas 78
9 (6) 450313 ANN HILL 15 (D,F,G) (A Hill) R Hollinshead 3-8-6 W Ryan 88
10 (3) 660-030 BAJAN AFFAIR 20 (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 3-8-4 Dean McKeown 74

BETTING: 6-4 Ravenspur, 9-4 Post Impressionist, 3-1 Ann Hill, 10-1 Battuta, 12-1 Ghylldale, 20-1 Bajan Affair, 25-1 others.

1992: IRON BARON 3-8-13 S Perks (1-3 fav) R Hollinshead 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MANULIFE 10l 6th of 11 to Hand On Heart in a claimer at Carlisle (7f, good). GHYLLDALE beat Our Topsie 5l in an 18-runner selling handicap at Redcar in September (1m 2f, soft). ANN HILL beat Tyfsan 1½l in a 9-runner selling handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm), with BAJAN AFFAIR (11lb worse off) 3½l 3rd.

POST IMPRESSIONIST ¾l 2nd of 6 to Mistress Bee in a claimer at Yarmouth last time out (2m, good to firm). RAVENSPUR's best effort came when 3½l 3rd of 10 to Pondering in a claimer at Goodwood on penultimate start (1m 6f, good).

Selection: POST IMPRESSIONIST

3.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O fillies: £3,377: 7f) (12 runners)

1 (8) 0 YO 79 (Miss L Elliott) D Cosgrove 8-9 W R Swinburn —
2 (10) 5 FABULOUS PRINCESS 8 (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 8-8 T Quinn 78
3 (2) MUMTAZ FLYPAST (D Bell) Mrs M Reveley 8-8 M Birch —
4 (3) RED DANCER (Lewster Partnership) M Bell 8-8 M Fenton (3) —
5 (12) TASHLA (Mrs M Taylor) D Loder 8-7 L Dettori —
6 (9) 222 INDIAHRA 28 (BF) (P Lawson) R Hollinshead 8-6 K Darley [top rated]
7 (11) 42 HEVER GOLF ROSE 6 (R Popely) T Naughton 8-5 Paul Eddery 92
8 (6) 0 MISS TEMERITY 8 (P Matthews) M Blanshard 8-5 N Adams —
9 (4) 60 TAUFELIANE 44 (D Eccleston) J Harris 8-4 Dean McKeown 84
10 (7) 5864 BALLARD RING 5 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 8-3 N Connorton 89
11 (1) 02 GLENVALLY 36 (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 8-3 J Fortune 88
12 (5) 060 ROSE CIEL 40 (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 8-3 M Roberts 89

BETTING: 4-1 Indiahra, 9-2 Hever Golf Rose, 5-1 Fabulous Princess, 7-1 Rose Ciel, 8-1 Red Dancer, 10-1 Ballard Ring, Glenvally, 12-1 Mumtaz Flypast, Tashla, 16-1 Yo, 25-1 others.

1992: HEAVENLY RISK 8-5 Pat Eddery (9-2) R Hannon 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

FABULOUS PRINCESS 5½l 5th of 15 to Majestic Heights in a maiden auction at Leicester (7f, good). INDIAHRA short-head 2nd of 5 to Bettyknowis in a maiden at Chester (5f, good). HEVER GOLF ROSE 1l 2nd of 11 to Chickawicka in a maiden auction at Chepstow (6f, soft). GLENVALLY ½l 2nd of 11 to Ovideo in a maiden auction at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). ROSE CIEL 5½l 7th of 10 to Palana in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good).

Selection: FABULOUS PRINCESS

3.30 WARDS SHEFFIELD BEST BITTER HANDICAP
(£4,542: 1m 2f 60yd) (10 runners)

1 (6) 644112 AZUREUS 8 (D,BF,F) (J Murdoch) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 K Darley 91
2 (3) 032- ROBENKO 414 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-11 L Dettori 85
3 (8) 1400-11 LATVIAN 16 (F,G) (J Seymour) R Allan 6-9-9 J Weaver (3) 90
4 (7) 5-13125 SUPERTOP 34 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 5-9-2 Paul Eddery 94
5 (4) 003010 SELF EXPRESSION 15 (CD,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-13 M Roberts 92
6 (2) 01-0465 BEAUMAN 11 (B,S) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 3-8-10 T Quinn 95
7 (10) 603122 DUPLICATE 23 (G) (G Leatham) M H Easterby 3-8-10 M Birch 91
8 (9) 264131 BEST APPEARANCE 8 (B,D,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-7 (4ex) K Fallon [top rated]
9 (5) 0-23311 SHIRLEY ROSE 16 (D,F) (Greenland Park Ltd) M Johnston 3-8-5 Dean McKeown 91
10 (1) 05-3004 MOVE SMARTLY 20 (P Clinton) F Lee 3-8-0 P Robinson 90

BETTING: 7-2 Best Appearance, 4-1 Latvian, 5-1 Azureus, 6-1 Shirley Rose, 7-1 Duplicate, 8-1 Self Expression, 10-1 Supertop, 14-1 Beauman, 16-1 Robenko, 25-1 Move Smartly.

1992: SINCLAIR LAD 4-8-13 K Darley (15-2) R Hollinshead 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

AZUREUS neck 2nd of 5 to Rahil in a rated stakes race at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm). LATVIAN beat Northern Graduate 2l in a 3-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, firm). SUPERTOP 4l 5th of 10 to Sovereign Page in a handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good). SELF EXPRESSION beat Touch Above 2l in a 10-runner handicap at Beverley on penultimate start (1m 2f, good to firm), with AZUREUS (1lb worse off) 1½l 4th. DUPLICATE 3l 2nd of 11 to Mousseton in a handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 110yd, good). BEST APPEARANCE beat I'm A Dreamer ¾l in a 7-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 1f, good). SHIRLEY ROSE beat Apache Squaw 2½l in a 5-runner rated stakes race at Edinburgh (1m 3f, firm).

Selection: BEST APPEARANCE (nap)

4.00 IN HONOUR OF COUNTRY LIFE INNS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O fillies: £4,077: 1m round) (11 runners)

1 (3) 66-0030 EAST LIBERTY 13 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-7 L Dettori 91
2 (2) 0-32421 CROIRE 11 (D,S) (Exors of the late Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 9-2 Paul Eddery 86
3 (9) 20-0133 DON'T JUMP 40 (D,S) (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 9-2 P Robinson 87
4 (1) 6-54 FROSTY MORNING 29 (A Saeed) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 85
5 (7) 23204-0 KENNEDYS PRIMA 68 (The Milgram Syndicate) A Scott 8-11 J Fortune —
6 (8) 1-23630 SPICE AND SUGAR 14 (S) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 8-7 J Carroll 97
7 (4) 0-253 SEROTINA 47 (Lord & Lady Roborough) W Jarvis 8-6 T Quinn 97
8 (5) 1306-00 ROYAL DIVA 34 (G) (R Ogden) Miss S Hall 8-5 N Connorton 88
9 (10) 080 SHAHAADA 29 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-5 W Carson 91
10 (11) 5130-00 SPRING SUNRISE 54 (F,S) (R Campbell) M Blanshard 8-2 F Norton 83
11 (6) 200-002 CITY TIMES 11 (B) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-1 K Darley [top rated]

BETTING: 7-2 City Times, 4-1 Serotina, 11-2 Croire, 13-2 Frosty Morning, 8-1 Don't Jump, 10-1 East Liberty, 12-1 Spice And Sugar, 16-1 Royal Diva, 20-1 others.

1992: LADY DEBRA DARLEY 9-6 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EAST LIBERTY 5¾l 4th of 10, promoted to 3rd, to Andromaque in a conditions race at Kempton on penultimate start (1m, good). CROIRE beat CITY TIMES (15lb better off) ¾l in an 8-runner maiden at Chester (7f 110yd, soft). Previously, 5l 2nd of 12 to Golden Guest in a maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm), with FROSTY MORNING (5lb better off) 2½l 4th and SHAHAADA (11lb better off) 6¾l 9th. DON'T JUMP 6l 3rd of 8 to Brandonhurst in a handicap at Sandown (1m 1f, good). KENNEDYS PRIMA 11¾l 12th of 18 to Margaret's Gift in a handicap at Ripon in April (6f, good). SPICE AND SUGAR 4l 3rd of 7 to Leave It To Lib in a handicap at Thirsk on penultimate start (1m, good to firm). SEROTINA 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Barbouth in a maiden at Epsom (1m 110yd, good).

Selection: SPICE AND SUGAR

4.30 BAXI SOLO CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,523: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (5) 305004 BRIGG FAIR 5 (CD,F,G) (J Norman) R Hannon 3-9-2 R Perham [top rated]
2 (6) 130011 KNOCK TO ENTER 14 (CD,F,G) (B Payne) M Williams 5-9-2 J Williams 94
3 (4) 160000- THE OLD CHAPEL 341 (D,BF,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 4-9-0 T Quinn 93
4 (2) 52- HICKORY BLUE 341 (BF) (Mrs C Griffin) S Norton 3-8-8 O Pears (5) 50
5 (7) 11525- REALITIES 284 (D,G) (S Kamel) G Harwood 3-8-8 W Carson 94
6 (3) 1-4 SWAAYIB 58 (D,S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-5 W R Swinburn 82
7 (1) 5 CALAMANCO 18 (H Ellis) A Smith 3-8-3 S Webster —

BETTING: 13-8 Brigg Fair, 11-4 Realities, 7-2 Knock To Enter, 6-1 Swaayib, 10-1 The Old Chapel, 25-1 Calamanco, Hickory Blue.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BRIGG FAIR 1½l 4th of 11 to Catrail in a listed race at Newbury (6f, good). KNOCK TO ENTER beat Easy Line 2l in a 6-runner claimer at Kempton (6f, good). THE OLD CHAPEL 9l last of 9 to Nagida in an apprentices' handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft). HICKORY BLUE 2l 2nd of 14 to Prince Markt in a maiden at Southwell (AW, 5f, standard). REALITIES about 4l 5th of 13 to Up And At'Em in the group III Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot last year (5f, good), with BRIGG FAIR (8lb worse off) 6l 12th. SWAAYIB 5¾l 4th of 12 to Holly Golightly in a conditions race at Leicester (7f, good). CALAMANCO 6l 5th of 10 to El Arz in a maiden at Beverley (5f, firm).

Selection: BRIGG FAIR

5.00 MARCRIST DIAMOND HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,002: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (6) 0-11040 PRIMULA BAIRN 26 (D,G,S) (Vavil) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 K Fallon 92
2 (1) 040301 THE FED 21 (V,D,F) (F Downes) R Whitaker 9-5 S Maloney (3) 92
3 (10) 43-20 VISMOTION 37 (Waterside Dean Racing) M Heaton-Ellis 9-4 W R Swinburn 96
4 (5) 305016 CHARITY EXPRESS 19 (D,F,G,S) (C Davey) D Cosgrove 9-3 D Biggs 93
5 (11) 339412 TREVORSNINEPOINTS 9 (V,D,F) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 9-1 J Fortune [top rated]
6 (2) 8-322 SURAGON 11 (P Lambert) J Wharton 9-1 J Williams 85
7 (8) 034310 LIDA'S DELIGHT 27 (D,BF,F) (Pakington Haven) M W Easterby 9-1 T Lucas 98
8 (4) 050-030 DISCO BOY 15 (S Bradford) B McMahon 8-12 T Quinn 98
9 (7) 522531 OUR MICA 7 (B,D,G,S) (M Dodds) J Berry 8-11 (7ex) P Roberts (7) 93
10 (9) 225243 CLOUDY REEF 8 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-4 M Humphries (7) 96
11 (3) 000 FORDALLIA 36 (M Jackson) J Hetherton 7-7 J Quinn 80

Long handicap: Fordallia 7-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Trevorsninepoints, 5-1 The Fed, 11-2 Cloudy Reef, 6-1 Our Mica, 8-1 Suragon, 10-1 Primula Bairn, 12-1 Lida's Delight, Vismotion, 14-1 Charity Express, 16-1 Disco Boy, 20-1 others.

1992: GANESHAYA 7-7 N Carlisle (9-2) M Barraclough 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRIMULA BAIRN 9¾l 7th of 12 to Royal Girl in a handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). THE FED beat Covent Garden Girl 2½l in a 6-runner handicap at Catterick (5f, good to firm). VISMOTION 1½l 2nd of 7 to Aroom in a maiden auction over course and distance on penultimate start (good), with DISCO BOY (8lb better off) 1¼l 3rd and THE FED (1lb worse off) 2l 4th. CHARITY EXPRESS beat Sylvan Starlight 3½l in a 9-runner claimer at Bath on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). TREVORSNINEPOINTS 2½l 2nd of 8 to Absolution in a handicap at Edinburgh last time out (5f, good to firm). Previously, beat Millbank Challenger 1l in an 11-runner selling handicap at Redcar (5f, firm), with OUR MICA (3lb better off) a head 3rd. SURAGON 8l 2nd to Heart Broken in a maiden at Southwell (AW, 6f, standard). LIDA'S DELIGHT beat Nordoora by a short head in a handicap, over this distance, at Beverley on penultimate start (good to firm). OUR MICA beat Cassie Fink-Nottle 2½l in an 8-runner handicap at Catterick (5f, good). CLOUDY REEF head and 1½l 3rd of 8 to The Ordinary Girl in a maiden at Leicester last time out (5f, good).

Selection: THE FED

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Parkes	3	11	27.3	J Weaver	6	27	22.2
R Armstrong	7	33	21.2	W Ryan	14	99	14.1
Mrs M Reveley	11	63	17.5	M Roberts	24	183	13.1
J Berry	18	106	17.0	W Carson	25	192	13.0
D Arbuthnot	3	18	16.7	S Webster	9	69	13.0
G Wragg	6	41	14.6	K Darley	20	157	12.7

BBC dope claims screened tonight

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE BBC will tonight screen a half-hour programme, compiled by its investigative On The Line team, which claims doping on British racecourses is more widespread — and more easily achieved — than the Jockey Club would care to admit.

An unidentified man will outline on the programme how in recent years he has doped "at least 20 horses" on behalf of unscrupulous bookmakers who stood to gain financially through knowing a horse has been "stopped" from winning.

There is also footage showing the programme's producer, Mike Parkinson, roaming freely through racecourse stables at "a well-known racetrack in southern England".

Entry to racecourse stables is restricted to those professionally involved with horses running that day, and the scene is sure to embarrass the Jockey Club, *whose responsibility it is to* patrol the compound. Additionally, the unnamed "fixer" demonstrates how he can break into racecourse stables at Windsor and Newbury even with security on the entrance gate.

Originally scheduled for *broadcasting on July 28*, the programme has been brought forward by a week. Jockey Club director of public affairs, David Pipe, said yesterday: "Our growing conviction is that the programme is historically linked to 1991, rather than revealing an on-going series of dopings".

Pipe was referring to the three dopings detected that year, two at Doncaster, the perpetrators of which have never been revealed.

Of the programme's naming of horses to have been the alleged victims of drugs gangs, Pipe said: "Practically all the horses mentioned were investigated by the Jockey Club in the wake of the Doncaster affair. That will not be news to us."

Pipe added: "The Crown Prosecution, police and ourselves are anxious to watch the programme with a view to reopening the criminal case against the dopers. But first we wait to see if there is any *substance* to the programme's claims."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HADDAAJ
(7.15 Sandown Park)
Next best: Brigg Fair
(4.30 Doncaster)

Carson tries out Tenby

WILLIE Carson will team up with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes contender Tenby for the first time this morning as connections finalise their plans for Saturday's race.

With Michael Kinane likely to be required in Ireland, Carson has been asked to *partner Khaled Abdulla's colt* on the gallops for his final workout.

Tenby and Commander In Chief, both trained by Henry Cecil, will be put through their paces, even though the Abdulla team, with Irish Oaks winner Wemyss Bight also engaged, has still to confirm which of its string will run.

"Both horses have been trained for Saturday, but it is up to Prince Khaled to give the okay when we meet with him on Thursday," Cecil said.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

1.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Bondaid (R Price, 13-2); 2, Buckske Echo (25-1); 3, Waaza (6-1). Bronze Runner 9-2 fav. 12 ran. 7l, nk. J White. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £15.70, £2.40. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £2.90. Trio: £313.10. CSF: £140.45. Tricast: £954.64.

2.15 (1m 4f) 1, Bobbysoxer (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Jobs Absent (100-30 fav); 3, Princess Emryn (16-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 4l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £2.10, £8.60. DF: £7.00. Trio: £141.20. CSF: £17.47. Tricast: £179.44. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.45 (6f) 1, Sylvan Breeze (W Newnes, 6-1); 2, Island Knight (9-2); 3, Villavina (8-1). Scent Of Power 6-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Tanib. ¾l, 1½l. P Mitchell. Tote: £6.90; £1.70, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £15.60. CSF: £31.64.

3.15 (6f) 1, Blurred Image (Pat Eddery, 4-6 fav); 2, Cinnamon Springs (12-1); 3, Gigue (4-1). 7 ran. 2l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £3.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.74.

3.45 (5f) 1, Batchworth Bound (C Rutter, 13-8 fav); 2, Splash Of Salt (11-1); 3, The Ordinary Girl (13-2). 6 ran. 1½l, sh hd. S Mellor. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £17.90. CSF: £15.69.

4.15 (5f) 1, Prince Azzaan (Pat Eddery, 4-5 fav); 2, Bold Gem (11-2); 3, Fiddle Things (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Gingerillo. 2½l, 3l. N Callaghan. Tote: £1.70; £1.80, £3.00. DF: £6.90. CSF: £5.57. Tricast: £12.65.

Placepot: £49.10.

Edinburgh

Going: good

2.00 (1m 4f 31yd) 1, Common Council (J Marshall, 15-2); 2, Not Yet (8-1); 3, Barabanoo (3-1 fav). 8 ran. Sh hd, 4½l. M Hammond. Tote: £8.20; £1.10, £4.30, £2.80. DF: £11.00. CSF: £56.76. Tricast: £198.68.

2.30 (7f 15yd) 1, Just Bill (S Webster, 7-2); 2, Mokaite (9-4 fav); 3, Wings Ahead (9-2). 7 ran. 2l, 1½l. J Etherington. Tote: £3.80; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £10.74.

3.00 (1m 16yd) 1, Rousing (J Marshall, 4-1); 2, Lawnswood Junior (11-4 fav); 3, Celestine (8-1). 5 ran. 1l, 1½l. M Hammond. Tote: £5.00; £2.70, £1.40. DF: £7.30. CSF: £13.84.

3.30 (1m 16yd) 1, Singer On The Roof (K Darley, 2-7 fav); 2, Rundig (7-2); 3, Goldmire (14-1). 3 ran. 10l, 6l. I Balding. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.58.

4.00 (5f) 1, Miss Strauss (Claire Balding, 9-4 fav); 2, Kabcast (7-2); 3, Angels Answer (8-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. J Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £4.50. Trio: £12.00. CSF: £9.60. Tricast: £45.58.

4.30 (1m 7f 16yd) 1, Hunting Ground (A Mackay, 8-1); 2, Briggsmaid (6-1); 3, Alpha Helix (8-1). Westray 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 8l, 2½l. A Bailey. Tote: £7.70; £1.80, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £26.40. CSF: £54.40. Tricast: £411.74.

Placepot: £44.40.

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going: good

6.20 (5f 217yd) 1, Leap Of Faith (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Not For Joe (20-1); 3, Mighty Kingdom (8-1). 16 ran. ¾l, 1½l. D Loder. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £11.80, £3.80. DF: £81.20. CSF: £44.01.

6.45 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Pistols At Dawn (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Mahrajan (4-1 fav); 3, Themeda (16-1); 4, Full Quiver (10-1). 20 ran. Nk, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.80, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £5.00. Trio: £155.40. CSF: £26.85. Tricast: £268.38.

7.10 (1m 67yd) 1, Merlins Wish (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2, Vanroy (7-1); 3, Well Appointed (8-1). Devilry 9-4 fav (15th). 21 ran. 2½l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £2.50, £3.20, £2.70. DF: £13.70. CSF: £28.80.

7.40 (5f 217yd) 1, Fascination Waltz (G Carter, 11-2); 2, Sea-Deer (13-2); 3, Harry's Coming (8-1). Face The Future 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 2½l, hd. D Shaw. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £31.50. Trio: £44.30. CSF: £39.76. Tricast: £207.37.

8.10 (1m 67yd) 1, Fourforfun (B Raymond, 9-4: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, The Executor (2-1 fav); 3, Scorched Air (11-2). 7 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.14.

8.40 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Bantico (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 2, Santana Lady (11-2); 3, Chandigarh (20-1). 15 ran. 1½l, 2l. M Jarvis. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.70, £4.60. DF: £5.40. Trio: £132.60. CSF: £9.74. Tricast: £100.77.

Placepot: £33.80.

Style, skill and substance the spur to Ardiles

Peter Ball on one man's crusade to bring the smile and the supporters back to Tottenham

Alan Sugar's decision to appoint Osvaldo Ardiles as manager of Tottenham Hotspur after the departure of Terry Venables was a clever political move to disarm the opposition. By accident or design, it may turn out to be the start of a thrilling football crusade.

If Sugar's move was a public relations coup, Ardiles's decision to leave West Bromwich Albion, where he had just won promotion, to return to a bitterly divided club, with a court case pending, supporters protesting outside the gates and leading players expressing disaffection, seemed a quixotic gesture. The dry rot that has run through the East Stand seemed a fitting metaphor for the club.

"Of course, coming back is a tremendous risk," Ardiles said during last weekend's two-match tour of Ireland. "But nothing worthwhile can be achieved in life without risk.

"My dream was always to be manager of Spurs, more than to be manager of Argentina even, and so I follow my dream. It was a hard decision, because I was very happy at West Brom, but when the call came, everything was thrown into the air.

"When it first came up I didn't even want to think about it. I focused my mind on West Brom because we still had the play-offs, but in the back of my mind I knew that if the offer was made, I was not going to be able to say no."

Ardiles's first act was to call for Steve Perryman, his room-mate and partner in a thousand long nights putting the football world to rights during their playing days. "We had a pact from our playing days that if he became manager of Spurs, I would join him, and, if I did, he would join me," Ardiles said. "He is fundamental to me. Perhaps sometimes I get carried away, my approach to football has too much lyricism, and it is his job to bring me back to earth."

Perryman, too, found the call irresistible. "We all talk about the club being in your blood," he said. "But taking the step down from being manager to being assistant at Tottenham needed the combination of Spurs and Ossie. If it had been just the one I wouldn't have done it.

"We were building something at Watford. It's a nice club, and it was difficult coping with what happens to the people you leave behind when you leave. It is the most selfish thing I've done, but it was so special a situation that I had to do it."

With the imminent arrival of Pat Jennings and Chris Hughton to join the coaching staff, the presence of a management team steeped in the Tottenham tradition quickly reassured some of the dissenting supporters. "From the moment Ossie arrived, season-ticket sales started to pick up," said Peter Barnes, the club secretary, who has now seen Tottenham survive coups against the Richardsons, Irving Scholar and now Venables in his 11 years at the club.

At Friday's game against Shelbourne, in Dublin, the continuing protestors were represented by a lone fan, who invaded the pitch to mouth the words "Sugar out" at the bench before being hustled away.

This time the internal problems look more difficult. "These are troubled times," Ardiles said. "The house is divided, and there is always a danger in that situation, so my first priority is to unite everybody from the very top to the bottom.

"That is of fundamental importance and even comes before football. But playing is going to help us to achieve that — I knew that as soon as the ball started rolling it would get better."

From the first day's training he gave a pointer to his intentions by starting with ball-work, an almost unheard of practice in English football where the first two weeks are generally spent on physical work. The pursuit of togetherness meant that Ardiles insisted that the players did their work in one big group, rather than dividing into smaller ones.

With Ireland's famous hospitality, a Dublin city-centre hotel with a thronging bar and a lively night-club may not have been the ideal place to start the ball rolling, but by last weekend the signs were already encouraging. "The mood in the camp is united now," Barnes said.

Although Neil Ruddock, the most vocal of Venables's supporters, had stayed behind to discuss his transfer, the rest of the players looked to be thriving on Ardiles's determination to play football in the best Tottenham tradition. Not surprisingly, they beat both Shelbourne and Drogheda with some ease, but more telling was the style with which it was achieved.

"Ossie is so positive," Perryman said. "His whole thing is about giving people the confidence to play."

At times, that insistence looked almost foolhardy, particularly in a spell against Shelbourne when three suicidal passes at the back gave the ball away in dangerous positions.

Ardiles was unmoved, and by Sunday against Drogheda even Jason Cundy, the rough-and-ready centre half, was passing the ball around with growing confidence. For the skilled attackers like Anderton, Sheringham and Barmby, the new regime promises to be a delight.

"A lot has been written about my being hard, even ruthless with the players since I arrived," Ardiles said. "That is all nonsense, but there is one thing on which I will be very hard and that is the way we play. On that there will be no compromise."

There are those who believe that his philosophy is doomed in the helter-skelter of the English League. Ardiles does not think so. "Manchester United winning the League last season was the best thing that could happen to English football, because they did it with thrilling football. They are a beautiful team," he said.

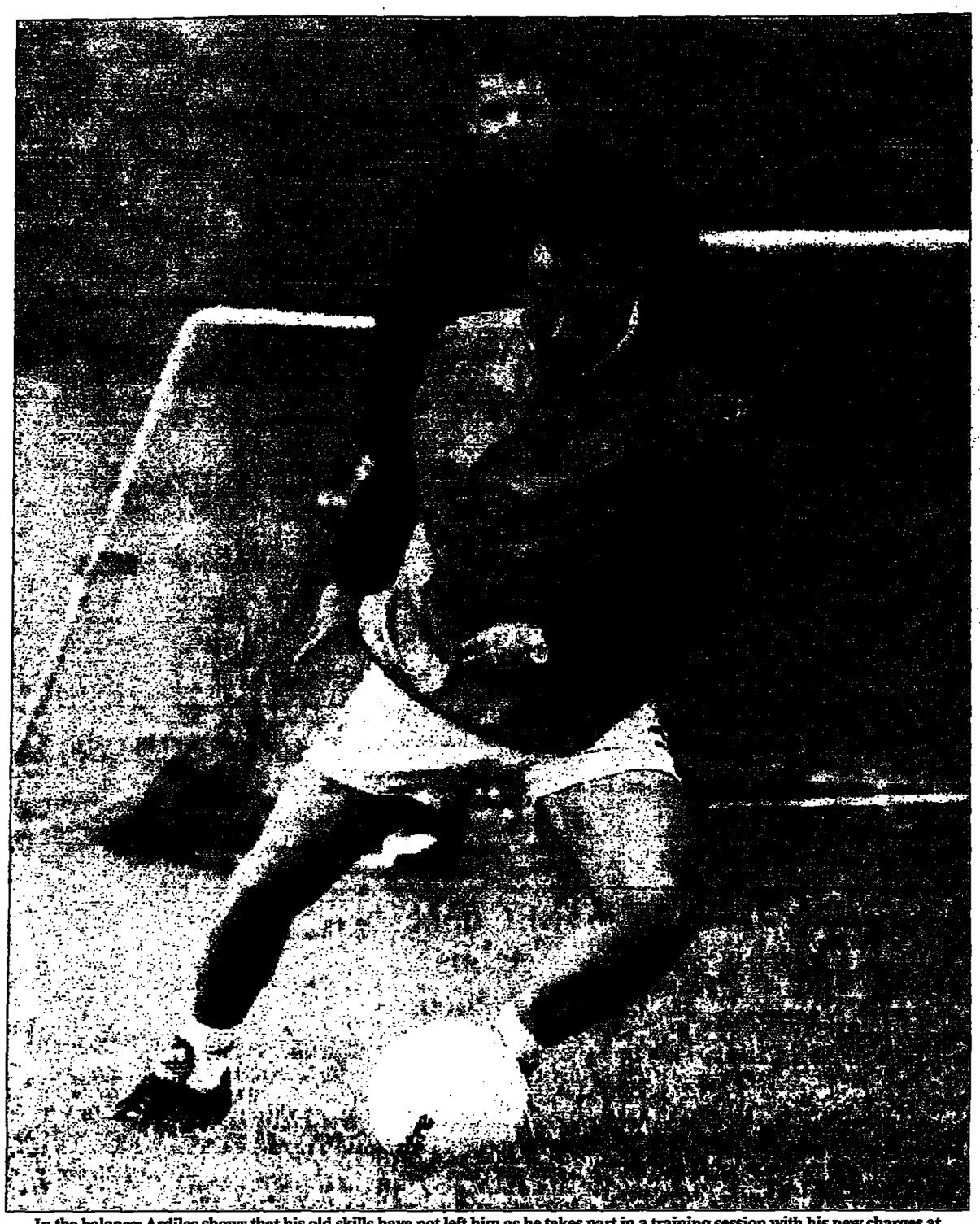
"The suspicion is that British footballers aren't good enough to play, but that is underrating their ability. The problem is not that they aren't good enough, but that people don't think they are, and so look for the easy way out. My aim is for every single player to play."

Ardiles's convictions are even more in tune with Tottenham's great traditions than those of the pragmatic Venables. Venables always preached skill, but in practice admitted contradictions, his employment of the offside trap, in particular, sitting uneasily with his beliefs. But when Ardiles says that if his side scores one goal he expects everything to be geared to scoring another, he is not indulging in the familiar managerial double talk, as Perryman can testify.

Soon after Perryman arrived at Watford, he took his side to play Ardiles's Swindon Town team. Two-nil down at half-time after being completely outplayed, Watford sneaked a draw with the last kick of the game.

Afterwards, far from ruing his luck, Ardiles shook Perryman by his response. "He said: 'Only one thing disappointed me, Stevie — we didn't deserve to win that game. When we were 2-1 up with ten minutes to go our forward had a clear run on goal but instead took the ball to the corner flag. When you are 2-1 up with ten minutes to go you don't kill a game by taking the ball to the corner flag. You kill it by making the score 3-1.'"

"It's just as well he told me that," Perryman said. "I might have been telling them to take it to the corner flag."



In the balance: Ardiles shows that his old skills have not left him as he takes part in a training session with his new charges at Tottenham during the club's two-match pre-season tour of Ireland at the weekend. Photograph: Tony Maxwell

Ruddock settles dispute in move to Liverpool

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NEIL Ruddock yesterday completed his £2.5 million transfer from Tottenham Hotspur to Liverpool, 24 hours after the deal had apparently collapsed. Ruddock, 25, signed a five-year contract after reaching a compromise with Tottenham over a disputed loyalty bonus.

Ruddock, the former Southampton defender, had initially demanded a £150,000 payment to cover the three years of his contract at White Hart Lane, of which he completed one. He is believed to have accepted £50,000. "I was not being greedy, I simply wanted money which was due to me," Ruddock said.

Colin Calderwood, signed from Swindon Town on Monday as Ruddock's replacement, trained with his new team-mates for the first time yesterday. His transfer fee will be settled by a tribunal.

Another tribunal yesterday ruled that Liverpool must pay Nottingham Forest £2,275,000 for Nigel Clough, the England midfield player. The fee is almost exactly halfway between what Forest had asked and Liverpool had offered.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said: "If Nigel performs for us as he has done in recent seasons then it's good value." Forest have spent £375,000 on Des Lyttle, the Swansea City defender.

David Phillips, the Wales midfield player, has been put on a weekly contract after failing to agree a deal with Norwich City. Phillips has remained with the reserves while the first team tours the United States.

Colin Addison, the former Derby County and Hereford United manager, has been appointed the new manager of FC Cadiz, the Spanish club.

Barnet have been drawn to play Southend United, who are managed by Barry Fry, their former manager, in the first round of the Coca-Cola Cup. Barnet, having survived a motion to expel them from the Football League, have said they must raise £500,000 by next Monday or they will be forced to resign.

DRAW: Huddersfield Town v Scarborough; Sunderland v Chester City; Stockport County v Hartlepool United; Darlington v Bradford City; Doncaster Rovers v Blackpool; Chesterfield v Carlisle United; Wigan Athletic v Rotherham United; Bolton Wanderers v Bury; Port Vale v Lincoln City; Stoke City v Mansfield Town; Preston North End v Burnley; Rochdale v York City; Shrewsbury Town v Scunthorpe United; Crewe Alexandra v Wrexham; Bournemouth v Cardiff City; Bristol Rovers v West Bromwich Albion; Walsall v Exeter City; Birmingham City v Plymouth Argyle; Swansea City v Bristol City; Hereford United v Torquay United; Brentford v Watford; Fulham v Colchester United; Southend United v Barnet; Gillingham v Brighton; Leyton Orient v Wycombe Wanderers; Cambridge United v Luton Town; Reading v Northampton Town.

First legs to be played during week beginning August 16; second legs to be played during week beginning August 23.

Broome withdraws from Gijón squad

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

IN A snub to Britain's show jumping selectors, David Broome, the reserve rider for the European championships in Gijón, Spain, next week, said yesterday he will not be available for the team "even if needed".

Broome, 53, who was dropped from the team announced earlier this month in favour of Mark Armstrong, a newcomer, made his position clear at a meeting of the selectors in London yesterday. Broome, who attended the meeting in his role as chairman of the international affairs committee, told Michael Bullman, the chairman, he would not go to the championships "under any circumstances".

The decision comes at the end of a frustrating two months for the former world and European champion. Throughout the summer, he has put himself and his top horse, Lannegan, at the disposal of the selectors.

He has competed in four Nations Cups since Hickstead in May, jumping four clear rounds — two in St Gallen and one each in Aachen and La Baule. At the end of this rigorous testing, he found himself dropped from the team, just as he was for the Olympic Games in Barcelona last summer.

"Barcelona was a sad time for me," Broome said yesterday. "Being the travelling reserve was a bitter disappointment and not a position I wanted to be in again."

The selected team of Nick Skelton, Michael Whitaker, John Whitaker and Armstrong is, however, already vulnerable. Earlier this week, Everest Milton, still recovering from a leg injury, was withdrawn. In La Baule, inconsistent performances by Skelton's Dollar Girl caused anxiety; and 16 faults by Armstrong on Corella over the two rounds of the Nations Cup did little to inspire confidence.

To cap it all, Warren Clarke, the second reserve, has no championship horse at present. Benjumin II, his grand prix horse, injured himself in France and his reserve horses are not eligible to compete in the championships.

Broome, who intends to compete at the Dublin Horse Show next month, has already distanced himself from the problems. A proposal at the meeting yesterday that he might yet be in the British team was angrily shrugged off.

"The European team was selected at the beginning of July," Broome said, "and I strongly believe that, having selected a team, you should stand by your decision and not mess people about. However, it is important to see new talent being given the opportunity to compete for their country and I wish the team the best of luck."



Broome: frustrating time

Braves try to cut gap by signing McGriff

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

LAST autumn, the Atlanta Braves were runners-up to Toronto in the baseball World Series. Today, one week into the second half of the season, Atlanta trail the San Francisco Giants by a staggering eight games in their own division, the National League West.

The Braves sought to increase their scoring possibilities by acquiring the hard-hitting first baseman, Fred McGriff, from the San Diego Padres at the weekend. The Braves traded three minor leaguers for McGriff, who is hitting .275 with 18 home runs and 46 runs batted in. He has not played since July 11 because of a back injury.

The left-handed hitter has averaged more home runs (34.2) than any other major league player over the past five years. McGriff is earning $4.25 million (about £2.9 million) this season. San Diego recently dealt the defending batting champion, Gary Sheffield, to Florida in another cost-cutting move.

Don Mattingly hit a home run and drove in four runs and Mike Stanley clouted a grand slam to key a ten-run seventh inning on Sunday, leading the New York Yankees past the Oakland Athletics 13-6.

Fernando Valenzuela pitched a six-hitter and Mike Devereaux put Baltimore ahead to stay with a two-run triple in the fifth inning as the Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins 7-2. The Orioles won for the seventh time in ten games and remained half a game behind New York and Toronto in the American League East.

Induráin breaks spirit of rivals

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

The procession towards a probable third successive victory for Miguel Induráin in the greatest endurance race in cycling, the Tour de France, came to a temporary standstill in the Pyrenees yesterday. The Spaniard spent the rest day in the tiny mountain state of Andorra reflecting on a commanding lead that has left his challengers trailing in his wake.

Induráin's supremacy in the first 17 days of the Tour has been overwhelming but Bernard Hinault, of France, five times the Tour winner and now a race director, believes his opponents are handing him victory on a plate. "It's easy to be the boss when other riders let you," Hinault said. "I don't understand their behaviour. All Induráin has to do is ride at his own speed without anyone attacking him."

The first day in the Pyrenees on Monday was a case in point. Induráin's Banesto team set the pace with the race leader riding comfortably behind, unthreatened by any move from his main challengers.

Two stages in the Pyrenees follow today and tomorrow and his rivals seem ready to accept Induráin will defend his three-minute lead without any problem and add to it in the time-trial on Saturday before the race ends in Paris on Sunday.

Alvaro Mejia, of Colombia, and Zenon Jaskula, of Poland, seem surprised at being second and third respectively and are happy to defend their potential places on the podium rather than take the risk of attacking while the rider who might have troubled the Spaniard, Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, is in a hopeless position after his Spanish Clas outfit suffered serious setbacks in the team time-trial. Rominger has no thoughts of taking on Induráin. "He's definitely out of reach."

Induráin said before today's sixteenth stage, a tough climb across five mountain passes from Andorra to St Lary Soulan: "I just have to do well in this stage because the race will be decided by then."

Alain Prost, three times the world motor racing champion, yesterday switched to two wheels to join 2,500 part-time riders on the 189.5km route that will be taken by the Tour cyclists today.

Many of the Tour competitors watched as Prost, the Formula One world championship leader, took on the challenge, arriving in Pau at the end of the race in 242nd place in 7hr 24min.

"It was very dangerous. The roads were very slippery and I have never covered more than 120km before. But you have to set yourself challenges," Prost said.

OVERALL STANDINGS: (after 15 stages): 1, M Induráin (Sp), Banesto, 71hr 50min 8sec; 2, A Mejia (Col), Motorola, 3min 23sec behind; 3, Z Jaskula (Pol), GB MG, 4:45; 4, A Rominger (Switz), Clas, 5:44; 5, B Riis (Den), Ariostea, 10:26; 6, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, 13:30; 7, C Chiappucci (It), Carrera, 14:11; 8, J Bruyneel (Bel), ONCE, 14:54; 9, V Poulnikov (Ukr), Carrera, 15:08; 10, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto, 16:09; 11, O Rincón (Col), Amaya, 19:41; 12, A Martin (Sp), Amaya, 22:33; 13, E Breukink (Holl), ONCE, 23:52; 14, J-P Dojwa (Fr), Festina, 23:56; 15, G Faresin (It), ZG Mobili, 24:08. British and Irish placings: 18, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, 28:15; 29, R Millar (GB), GVM, 35:15; 81, S Yates (GB), Motorola, 1hr 26min 42sec.

TODAY'S STAGE: Andorra to St Lary Soulan (230.5km).

Fickle wind costs Lakota Round Britain record

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

DAVID Scully and Steve Fossett, sailing the 60ft American trimaran, Lakota, have won the Round Britain and Ireland yacht race, reaching Plymouth two days ahead of their closest rivals.

The American pair crossed the finish line shortly before midnight on Monday to complete the 2,000-mile circumnavigation in 15 days 12 hours four minutes, just over four hours outside the outright record set by Francois Boucher's 75ft catamaran, Saab Turbo, four years ago.

Their chances of breaking the record were lost off Dover when Lakota was becalmed for five hours after speeding down the east coast from Hartlepool at more than 17 knots.

"From that point on we faced head winds all the way back to Plymouth and couldn't buy a paying shift," Scully said. "Each time we had to tack, the wind headed round with us."

Lakota did break the record for 60ft craft, set eight years ago by Rob James and his wife Naomi, sailing with their trimaran, Cult Cars GB. "We are content to be in the record books. It has been a great race," Fossett said.

Fossett, 49, is making a concerted effort to taste as many adventure sports as possible after a working life of commodity and bond dealing on the Chicago Stock Exchange. Last month he was racing a Porsche at Le Mans, he has made two attempts at climbing Everest, and wants to do more yacht racing.

"It's been a great adventure," he said. "David and I are now looking at competing in next year's two-handed transatlantic race, and I also want to race Lakota in the next Route du Rhum single-handed transatlantic race."

This was Fossett's debut in yacht racing. After buying Florence Arthaud's record-breaking trimaran, Groupe Pierre 1er, just two weeks before the race, he and Scully had time only to change her name and complete a 300-mile proving trial in light winds.

On the first leg to Crosshaven in Ireland, they were relegated to second place, 15 minutes behind the German trimaran, Fritzzz-Fratzz, after being judged by a spectator to have crossed the wrong side of the finish line.

They made no mistakes after that, breaking Robin Knox-Johnston's record for the second stage to Barra in the Outer Hebrides, and by the halfway stage at Lerwick in the Shetlands, they were five hours inside Boucher's record-setting schedule.

Light winds off Aberdeen cost Lakota valuable time on the fourth leg to Hartlepool. Had the winds remained favourable, they could easily have completed the race inside the record.

Brian Thompson and Helena Davalid, sailing the second-placed 35-foot trimaran, Severalles Challenge, are expected to reach Plymouth later today, well inside the 35-foot class record.

☐ Graham Walker's Indulgence, which next week leads the United Kingdom team in the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, had her most useful outing to date yesterday. Under skipper Eddie Warden Owen, she won the fourth race of the 50-foot World Cup being run from Cowes as a warm-up to the main event.



Home and dry: David Scully, left, and Steve Fossett

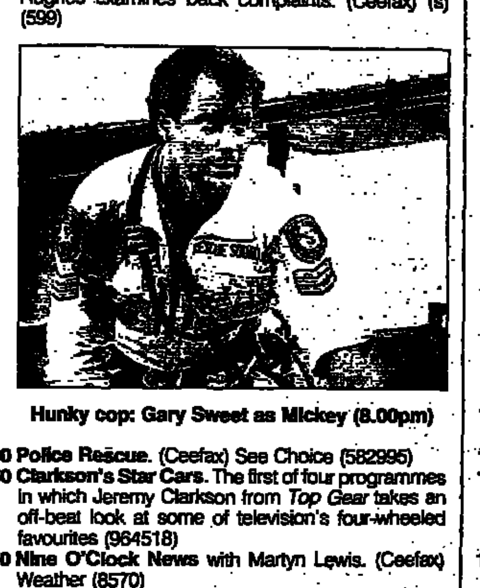
Round Britain and Ireland race: Finishers: Overall (after fifth and final leg from Hartlepool to Plymouth): 1, Lakota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 7 days 12hr 4min.

Fourth leg (Lerwick to Hartlepool): 8, Fiery Cross (R Ridds and A Mitchell, GB), 9 days 19hr 18min; 9, Seaflak (S van Hogen and R Jaspers, Holl), 10 days 9min.

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7.00 BBC Breakfast News (16333518)
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4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3939150) ***4.35 The Really Wild Show.*** Wildlife series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1856957)
5.00 Newsround (6840995) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode nine (r). (Ceefax) (5529570)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (260063)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. *(Teletext)* Weather (173)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (315). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Against-the-clock game show hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (5889)
7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. *This week GP Dr Martin* Hughes examines back complaints. (Ceefax) (s) (599)



Hunky cop: Gary Sweet as Mickey (8.00pm)

8.00 Police Rescue. (Ceefax) See Choice (582995)
8.50 Clarkson's Star Cars. The first of four programmes in which Jeremy Clarkson from *Top Gear* takes an off-beat look at some of television's four-wheeled favourites (964518)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (8570)
9.30 Canned Carrott. Jasper Carrott takes a humorous look at life (r). (Ceefax) (s) (14976)
10.00 Film: St Elmo's Fire (1985) starring Emilio Estevez, *Rob Lowe and Demi Moore. Romantic drama about* seven recent college graduates coming to terms with life as adults. Directed by Joel Schumacher. (Ceefax) (s) (788860). **Northern Ireland:** Magic in the Air 10.30-12.15am Film: Footloose; **Wales:** *Royal Welsh 1993 10.30-12.15am Film: St Elmo's* Fire **11.45 Weather** (738044)
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (252919) *3.15* **Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (53735)

BBC2

6.45 Open University 8.00 Breakfast News (2163889)
8.15 Westminster (1415599)
9.00 Film: If You Knew Suzie (1948, b/w). Musical comedy starring Eddie Cantor and Joan Davis. Directed by Gordon M. Douglas (8153179)
10.25 Film: The Planter's Wife (1952, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert, Jack Hawkins and Anthony Steel. Drama about a Malayan rubber plantation owner threatened with terrorist attacks. Directed by Ken Annakin (34692247)
12.00 Dial M For Malice. A report on the battle to trace and prosecute phone pests (74660) **12.30 Forged Papers.** The story of five Britons who spent the second world war in southern France (r) (1021686)
1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm (r) (17835112) **1.35 Boswall's Wildlife Safari to Mexico** (r) (24696537)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (65879606) **2.05 Look Stranger.** The Wiltshire countryside captured in the etchings, drawings and words of Robin and Heather Tanner (r) (21147537) **2.35 CountryFile.** John Craven explores rural issues (r) (6034060)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3827570) **3.05 Westminster Live.** Includes an interview with the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd. (Ceefax) (2827082) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9610402)
4.00 Kalash: *The Last Pagans.* *A profile of a tribe living* high in the mountains of the Hindu Kush (4731773) **4.50 The Ice Puppy.** Harp seal puppies' struggle for survival (r) (3305334)
5.00 Today's the Day. Topical quiz (s) (6995)
5.30 Grinding to a Halt. Alan Whitehouse reports on the deterioration of the West Coast rail line service that links the north-west with London (792)



Energise: McCoy, Kirk and Spock (6.00pm)

6.00 Star Trek (r). (Ceefax) (950537)
6.50 Gunsmoke. Vintage western series (350773)
7.40 Golf and All Its Glory. The second of six programmes going behind the scenes in the world of golf. (Ceefax) (s) (709179)
8.30 On the Line: Drug Runners. An investigation into how easily dopers are beating racecourse security in order to stop fancied horses from winning (1686)
9.00 The Wednesday Play: Where the Buffalo Roam (b/w) (r). See Choice (5828808)
10.15 Secret Architecture. A *Late Show* look at the traditions of Secret Service architecture (r) (411537)
10.30 Newsnight. With Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (960131)
11.15 Nation. A discussion on the right and wrongs of the 1989 Children Act which encourages authorities to place children with parents of the same race and culture (744727) **11.55 Weather** (750286)
12.00 Literature in the Modern World. The poetry of the Caribbean and its influence on British poetry (3974993) **12.25am Making Medical Decisions.** The role of ethical principles in medical decision-making (9073782). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE



Wild west fantasy: Hywel Bennett (BBC2, 9.00pm)

The Wednesday Play: Where the Buffalo Roam
BBC2, 9.00pm

This week's trawl of the archives has come up with an early work by Dennis Potter charting the tragic disintegration of a retarded 20-year-old from a Swansea terrace house. Convincingly played by Hywel Bennett, Billy has a passion for westerns. He demands that people call him Shane after his cinema hero. When they do not, he is likely to get nasty. For fantasising about the wild west is no harmless hobby but a symptom of rapidly engulfing mental illness, simplistically explained by childhood thrashings from a brutal father. With his dad dead and his mum (Megs Jenkins) unable to relate to him, Billy can only emulate his cowboy heroes and shoot his way out. Not even the familiar Potter device of sprinkling the narrative with popular songs can leaven the horror.

Police Rescue: The Right Stuff
BBC1, 8.00pm

The impossibly handsome Australian cops are back for more simple-minded adventures, courtesy of skilled stunt men and a script which makes *Spender* sound like *Hamlet*. Mickey (Gary Sweet) has a new cobber, Tom (Russell Crowe), a rugby league star with a dodgy knee. *If anything, he is even better-looking* than Mickey. But will he shape up? The hunky pair are soon in action, rescuing a protester from a 40-storey building. They face a bigger challenge when an electrician and a rigger are hit by 5,000 volts while up a huge crane. This time Tom lands Mickey in a fine old mess. Perhaps it serves Mickey right for being nasty to his old flame (Sonia Todd). And all because she told him that she was going to study law.

For Flora
BBC1, 1.50pm

It will be five years this December since Pan Am flight 103 blew up over Lockerbie but Jim Swire refuses to let the memory fade. His daughter Flora, a brilliant medical student, was one of the 270 victims of the terrorist bomb. Ever since it happened Swire has been determined to discover the truth behind the outrage. He has run a high-profile, sometimes contentious campaign. He flew the Atlantic with a replica of the bomb to show how easy it was to breach airline security. He went to see Colonel Gaddafi, the man suspected of shielding the terrorists. Swire was accused of being naive. He has also been accused of obsession and paranoia. This sympathetic film makes you understand why.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (5892957)
9.25 Talkabout. Lighthearted game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor (5550773) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (4906518)*
10.00 Elfego Baca. Disney's wild west adventure series (3691624) **10.55 News** headlines (7124957)
11.00 James Bond Jr (7134334) **11.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers** (7137421) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7331353)
12.00 Cartoon with Mickey Mouse (3592570) **12.10 Allsorts** (r) (s) (2754131)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Carol Barnes and Nicholas Owen. (Teletext) Weather (7051808) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17850421)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (630402) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (639773)
2.15 One in 5 Million. Women's thoughts on life in general (s) (654082) **2.45 Take the High Road.** *Highlands-based drama series (5918370)*
3.10 ITN News headlines (3845976) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3844247) **3.20 The Young Doctors** (2354773)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Daffy Duck (9406402) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (5133889) **4.20 How 2.** Facts and fun show (9545518) ***4.40 Go Getters.*** *Last* in the celebrity treasure hunt series presented by Dave Lee Travis (s) (2332570)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2832792)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (861841)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (47529)
7.00 Fantastic Facts! Jonathan Ross with another collection of strange-but-true stories. With Fiona Armstrong and Wilf Lunn (s) (1547)

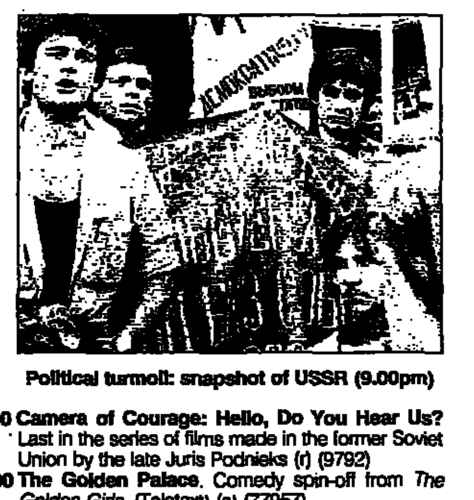


Hot gossip: Wilson and Bradley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Maud (Elizabeth Bradley) learns of Reg's plans from Martin (Sean Wilson). (Teletext) (995)
8.00 The Royal Television Society Hall of Fame. Anneka Rice introduces the tribute to four people who have made outstanding contributions to television during the past 25 years — Alan Whicker, Lord Grade, Jack Rosenthal and Dame Thora Hird (s) (8686)
9.00 And the Sea Will Tell ... *Part two of the Hawaiian* islands murder mystery, based on fact. Starring Richard Crenna and Rachel Ward. Concludes after the news. (Teletext) (1150)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (79315) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (719599)
10.40 And the Sea Will Tell ... Conclusion. (Teletext) (344044)
11.30 Film: Margaret Bourke-White (1989) starring Farrah Fawcett and Frederic Forrest. A biopic of the *celebrated Life magazine photographer* of the 1930s and 1940s. Directed by Lawrence Schiller (35222)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (s) (42754) **2.30 America's Top Ten** (s) (47700)
3.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (32377)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (65193)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (89464)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (81975). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon cat adventures (1740518) **6.45 Ovide.** Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (9595131)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and *Gaby Roslin (66614)*
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school drama series (69792) **9.30 Batman and Robin** (r) (6143711) **9.50 The Frog Prince.** Animated version of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy story (4905889)
9.55 Once Upon a Time ... Space. Cartoon exploration of the universe (r) (6104044) **10.25 Kideo.** Life's mysteries explained to children (r) (4917624) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r) (5827711) **11.20 Rhino Christmas** Comedy from Australia (r) (s) (2334063)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (76228)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is the violinist Yo Yo Ma (r) (39976) **1.30 Sandokan.** Animated adventures of a pirate prince (r) (19421)
2.00 Film: *Anna Christie* *(1930, b/w) starring Greta* Garbo in her first talking picture. An adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's play about a former prostitute who returns to her drunken father's New York barge home where she finds true love with a sailor she helps save from a watery grave. With Charles *Bickford. Directed by Clarence Brown (399773)*
3.35 The Three Stooges in *Slippery Silks* (1936, b/w) (7389286)
4.00 Our Backyard. From Hampshire the story of a village that fought to stop the expansion of the M3; and from Yorkshire news of the "Sink the Link" campaign (r). (Teletext) (624)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (808)
5.00 Tebaldo's Airs: The Damnation of Faust. Puppet animation by Jacques Houdin (4633315)
5.05 Film: Pony Express *(1953) starring Charlton* Heston and Forrest Tucker. Buffalo Bill blazes a trail westward to establish an overland trail for the Pony Express meeting marauding Indians on the way and a plot to take California out of the union. Directed by Jerry Hopper (86349889)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (770773)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Liberal Democrat politician (825860)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7247)
8.30 Tour de France. Andorra to Saint-Lary-Soulan, a distance of 230.5km of which 100km is in Spain (9082)



Political turmoil: snapshot of USSR (9.00pm)

9.00 Camera of Courage: Hello, Do You Hear Us? Last in the series of films made in the former Soviet Union by the late Juris Podnieks (r) (9792)
10.00 The Golden Palace. Comedy spin-off from *The Golden Girls*. (Teletext) (s) (77957)
10.30 Sean's Show. *Comedy series starring* Sean Hughes (r) (s) (258808)
11.05 E.N.G. Drama series about a Canadian television newsgathering team. (Teletext) (s) (872537)
12.05am Just For Laughs. Humour from the Montreal festival of comedy (7520209)
12.40 Film: Malav Pati Munj (1976). The *Gujarati Nights* season continues with this tale of pride, jealousy and revenge. Directed by Ravindra Dave (30065551). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (17850421) **1.45** A Country Practice (639773) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (654082) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2832792) **6.00** Home And Away (658570) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (655605) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (719599) **11.30** Film: Murder By Death *(Peter Sellers, Peter Falk, David Niven)* (438773) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68667) **1.45** 60 Minutes (8998280) **2.40** Cue The Music (4461700) **3.40** Film: The Case Of The Black Parrot (William Lundigan) (3934862) **4.40** Riviera (60427321) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6775209)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.05pm Central News (17850421) **1.15** A Country Practice (630402) **1.45** Home And Away (639773) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (654082) **3.20-3.50** Children's Island (2354773) **5.10-5.40** *Blockbusters (2832792)* **6.00** *Home And* Away (658570) **6.25-7.00** Central News (655605) **10.30-10.40** Central News (719599) **11.30** Tour Of Duty (485150) **12.25am** Cloughie's Golden Oldies (6124416) **12.55** Entertainment U.K. (3640377) **1.55** Stage Three (8985716) **2.55** BPM (4558280) **3.55** Night Shift (75811006) **4.10** Central Jobfinder 93 (3339713) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2491759)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News (17850421) **1.45** Blockbusters (639773) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (654082) **6.00** HTV News (131) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (711) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (719599) **11.30** Film: Murder By Death (438773) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68667) **1.45** 60 Minutes (8998280) **2.40** Cue The Music (4461700) **3.40** Film: The Case Of The Black Parrot (3934862) **4.40** Riviera (60427321) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6775209)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales: News & Weather (17850421) **6.00** Wales At Six (131) **6.30-7.00** Foley Square (711) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (719599)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News & Weather (17850421) **2.15-2.45** *Southern Gold (654082)* **3.20-3.50** *All* Together Now (2354773) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (318082) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (131) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (711) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (719599) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (88464)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.05pm Tyne-Tees News (87775605) **1.10-1.15** Where The Jobs Are (87772518) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (654082) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (575860) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (711) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (719599) **11.30** The Equalizer (485150) **12.25am** American Gladiators (3818803) **1.15** Hollywood Report (68667) **1.45** Videofashion (67938) **2.15** Transworld Sport (247087) **3.15** Raw Power (163071) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (8344174)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 UTV Live: The Lunchtime News (17850421) **2.15** Movies, Games And Videos (14930841) **2.40-2.45** Witness (2464711) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2354773) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live At Six (47529) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (719599) **11.30** Film: Murder By Death (438773) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68667) **1.45** 60 Minutes (8998280) **2.40** Cue The Music (4461700) **3.40** Film: The Case Of The Black Parrot (3934862) **4.40** Riviera (60427321) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6775209)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (17850421) **1.45** The Young Doctors (639773) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (654082) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2354773) **6.00-7.00** *Westcountry Live (47529)* **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (719599) **11.30** Film: Murder By Death (438773) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68667) **1.45** 60 Minutes (8998280) **2.40** Cue The Music (4461700) **3.40** Film: The Case Of The Black Parrot

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (17850421) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (654082) **5.55** Calendar (575860) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (711) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (719599) **11.30** The Equalizer (485150) **12.25am** American Gladiators (3818803) **1.15-1.45** Hollywood Report (68667)

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Saved By The Bell (5555228) **9.25** Sandokan (5587063) **9.50** Batman And Robin (6121599) **10.15** Once Upon A Time...Space (9509889) **10.35** Kideo (6756150) **11.00** The Adventures Of Tintin (1044) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (2773) **12.00pm** The Parliament Programme (76228) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (10150) **1.00** Take Five (16191) **1.30** A Different World (19421) **2.00** Film: That Lady In Ermine (773686) **3.40** The Oprah Winfrey Show (2146247) **4.30** Press Gang (808) **5.00** Countdown (1083) **5.30** Brookside (860) **6.00** News (412698) **6.10** Heno (941889) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8599) **7.30** Credo (537) **8.00** Y Sioe Fawr (7247) **8.30** News (782841) **8.55** Film: The Land That Time Forgot *(89432711)* **10.35** *Hwyr Neu Hwyrach* (350805) **11.25** Tour De France (176860) **11.55** People First (981150)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16694353) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (3689599) **9.10** Cartoons (8651421) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (58976) **10.00** Card Sharks (5410228) **10.25** Concentration (6818044) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2133247) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (49247) **12.00** E Street (15470) **12.30pm** Three's Company (50792) **1.00** Falcon Crest (55247) **2.00** Captains and the Kings (16421) **3.00** Another World (7963402) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5891063) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2570) **6.00** Games World (3792) **6.30** E Street (4044) **7.00** Rescue (3529) **7.30** Full House (2088) **8.00** Hunter (98976) **9.00** LA Law (78112) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (88599) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (20112)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise *(44353)* **8.30** *News* and Business Report (946228) **9.30** Talkback (18570) **10.30** Fashion TV (95696) **11.30** International Business Report (27518) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (95632) **1.30** CBS This Morning (45191) **2.30** Parliament Live (29315) **3.30** Parliament Live (38334) **4.30** *News and Business Report* (7911) **5.00** Live at Five (556334) **7.30** Fashion TV (1570) **9.30** Talkback (63179) **11.30** CBS News (94570) **12.30am** Fashion TV (48919) **1.30** CBS News (84754) **2.30** Those Were The Days (21174) **3.30** CBS News (33919) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (88808) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (24629)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2745792)
10.00 Crack in the World (1965): Scientists try to harness energy from the earth's core. *Starring Dana Andrews (61808)*
12.00 The File of the Golden Goose (1969): Charles Gray and Yul Brynner team up to smash a gang of counterfeiters (20624)
2.00pm A Separate Peace (1972). Drama about pupils at a New England boarding school during the second world war (61439)
4.00 Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County (1970): Western comedy with Dan Blocker (7402)
6.00 Crack in the World (as 10am) (82315)
8.00 Bad of Lies (1992): Waitress Susan Dey is physically abused by her politician husband (87860)
10.00 Billy Bathgate *(1991)*: Streetwise teenager Loren Dean becomes involved with gangster Dustin Hoffman and his moll, Nicole Kidman (331976)
11.50 Bolero (1984): Erotic fantasy with Bo Derek and George Kennedy (417601)
1.40am Firestarter (1984): Drew Barrymore plays a young pyromaniac (84507398)
3.50 Whispers (1989): Victoria Tennant is stalked by an occult killer. With Chris Sarandon (146209). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm It's a Wonderful Life (1946, b/w): James Stewart thinks he is a failure and tries to commit suicide. With Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore (7891384l)
8.15 ... And Justice for All (1979): Courtroom drama with Al Pacino (87965179)
10.10 Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974): Violent western with Warren Oates (519792). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.40am House of Dracula *(1945, b/w)*: Universal monsters unite (7394808)
8.00 Sleeping Beauty: Morgan Fairchild stars in the classic fairy-tale (34565)
10.00 The Two-Headed Spy (1958). Jack Hawkins stars in the true story of a British spy who infiltrated the Gestapo (52150)
12.00 Bandido (1956). Robert Mitchum plays an American gun-runner (28266)
2.00pm A Prize of Gold (1954): Richard Widmark attempts to airlift Nazi treasure out of Berlin (93421)
4.00 Sleeping Beauty (as 8am) (5044)
6.00 Spymaker — The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1991) Jason Connery stars as the author of the James Bond novels (80957)
8.00 What About Bob? (1991): Phobic Bill Murray ruins the family holiday of psychiatrist Richard Dreyfuss (85402)
10.00 Lies of the Twins (1991): Model Isabella Rossellini becomes unwittingly involved with her boyfriend's evil twin brother Aidan Quinn (957063)
11.40 Serial (1981): Satire on California lifestyles (337570)
1.20am Blackmail (1991) Drama with Susan Blakely and Dale Midkiff (519919)
3.00 Great Scout and Cathouse Thursday (1976): Western comedy with Lee Marvin and Oliver Reed (751754). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (33112) **7.00** The Footballers' Football Show (64286) **8.00** *Cycling League (14745)* **9.00** *Prime Bodies* (93518) **9.30** Asian Open Snooker (236353) **12.30pm** Uefa U-18 Football: England v Holland (55976) **2.30** Cycling: Tour Dupont (1792) **3.00** Asian Open Snooker (61266) **5.00** European Karate Championship (4570) **6.00** Watersports World (32995) **7.00** Horse *Racing from Redcar and Sandown (75696)* **9.00** Australian Rugby League: Queensland v New South Wales (33063) **11.00** World Team Pool Championship (64570) **12.00** Muscle Night Special (68648) **1.00-1.30am** Cycling: Tour Dupont (17087)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (92353) **8.00** Triathlon (94083) **9.00** Tour de France (68957) **10.00** Tennis: Federation Cup (98537) **11.00** Snooker World Classics (56792) **1.00pm** Tour de France (63353) **3.00** Tennis: Mercedes Cup (693599) **6.00** DTM German Touring Cars (4889) **6.30** Eurosport News (8841) **7.00** IAAF Athletics (93082) **9.00** Tour de France (28131) **11.00** Tennis: Federation Cup (99266) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (69716)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (8144711) **7.30** Neighbours (8130518) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2055421) **8.30** EastEnders (2054792) **9.00** The Bill (2045044) **9.30** Moon and Son (7468880) **10.30** Big Deal (4779792) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3286792) **12.00** Sons And Daughters (2065808) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9828518) **1.00** EastEnders (8143082) **1.30** The Bill (9828889) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (2127957) **2.30** Citizen Smith (5092315) **3.00** Dallas (3297808) **4.00** Dynasty (3276315) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2141537) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5096131) **6.00** Neighbours (5093044) **6.30** Moon and Son (6336976) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot Mum (5013808) **8.00** EastEnders (2130421) **8.30** Citizen Smith (2126228) **9.00** Big Deal (5267781) **10.00** The Bill (2066537) **10.30** Three of a Kind (2042957) **11.00** Top of the Pops (3856808) **11.50** Dr Who. The Monster of Peladon (3203266) **12.20am** Film: Look Who's Laughing (1941, b/w) starring Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy (12205754) **1.40-2.00** Video Bites (55590919)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (81394) **7.00** Ratkan II (30112) **9.00** Summer Holiday Specials (628150) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (39773) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (76353) **1.00pm** Summer Holiday Specials (96112) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (4605) **3.00** Babar (2045773) **3.25** Ratkan II (50719957) **5.00** The Bartons (2995) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (8421) **6.00-7.00** Fame (72537)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Developing World
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle with *music, news and arts stories.* Including Ravel (Overture, Shéhérazade); Mozart (Missa Brevis in C, K259); Tchaikovsky (Letter Scene, Eugene Onegin); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Rameau. Jeremy Hayes presents excerpts from two performances of Rameau's *comédie-lyrique, Platée.* The baritone Gilles Ragon sings the title role in the first, and the tenor Michel Senechal sings Platée in the second
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Nielsen (Dance of the Cockerels, Maskarade); *Lars-Erik Larsson* (Forklädd Gud, God in Disguise — excerpts); Handel, arr Beecham (Suite, The Gods Go a' Begging); Altenburg (Concerto for seven trumpets and timpani); Schubert (Adagio in E flat, D897); Mozart (Ruhe sanft, Zaide); Stenhammar (Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor); Sibelius (Menuetto)
12.00 Poet and Purist: Jonathan Swain traces the parallel development of symphony and symphonic poem. Delius (In a Summer Garden: RPO under Beecham); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat: BBC SO under Boult) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital Anthony Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow, pianos, play Alkan, arr Roger Smalley (Benedictus); Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances)
2.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Bizet (Symphony in C); Chausson (Poème, Op 25); Ravel (Tzigane); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
3.35 Late Baroque Violin Sonatas. Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin, Richard Tunnicliffe, cello, Paul Nicholson, harpsichord/chamber organ, perform Corelli (Sonata in B flat, Op 5 No 2); Vivaldi (Sonata in C minor, RV6) (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong live from Peterborough Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Charles Hazlewood
7.30 Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Cologne Chamber Choir; Collegium Cartusianum under Peter Neumann performs Bach (Mass in B minor, Kyrie; Gloria). **8.25** Michael Oliver asks: who was Bach, *and why* did he write the B minor Mass? **8.45** Bach (Credo; Sanctus; Benedictus; Agnus Dei)
9.50 Four Stories by Gabriel García Marquez: Death *Constant Beyond Love.* David Horovitch reads a translation by Gregory Rabassa (r)
10.10 Grieg's Piano Music: Philip Fowke plays Six Poetic Tone Pictures, Op 3; Four *Humoresques, Op 6;* Stimmungen, Op 73; Jeg elsker dig, Op 41 No 3
11.00 Down and Out in Golden Age Seville: June Harbin and Professor Angel García explore the picaro, the underworld of vagabonds in early 17th-century Seville, which inspired Cervantes and his contemporaries (r)
11.30 Hausmusik performs Spohr *(Double Quartet in D minor,* Op 65); Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat, Op 20)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: *The actor William Roache talks* to Dr Anthony Clare (r)
9.45 The Benn Tapes: See Choice
10.00-10.30 Pack the Book (FM only): In the first of a new series on travel literature, Dilly Barlow looks back at the practical advice given by early travellers
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Deuteronomy. Martin Jarvis reads the final part
10.30 Woman's Hour: Anne Catchpole examines the plight of Belgium's immigrant women. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from the Radio On Show festival in Scarborough (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm A Perfect Spy, by John le Carré (4/8) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Prisoners and Captives: Bright as a Lamp, Simple as a Ring, by Catherine Czerkawska. The first in a series of three plays about freedom and captivity. Joanna (Jenny Howe), a member of Amnesty International, writes to Raoul (Tom Wilkinson), a prisoner in Chile (r)
2.47 Smashing Pots: Pot Bellies. *Nigel Barley talks about* African pots
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 RSVP: Matthew Parris investigates letters that have no known reply. Two years before sailing to the Crimea, Florence Nightingale wrote a letter to her father revealing inner turmoil and suicidal thoughts
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews a recording of the rock opera *Tommy;* and visits an exhibition of enamel in Leicester
4.45 Short Story: Beside the Seaside, by Derek Gregory. Read by Joe Dunlop
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993: Round One — Scotland (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth (r)
7.45 Medicine Now visits a clinic for people who are unable to swallow (r)
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook imagines how radio 40 years ago might have sounded with commercial breaks (r)
8.45 The Reith Lectures: Representations of the Intellectual. In his penultimate lecture, *Speaking Truth to Power,* Edward Said considers the role of the intellectual questioning authority and asks what constitutes truth
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Queen and I, by Sue Limb (final part)
11.00 End of a Line: Ron Taylor tours the last boxing booth in Britain (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)



The Benn Tapes. *Radio 4, 9.45am.*

Tony Benn's tape recorder is as much an appendage as his pipe, and this new series fully exploits the ubiquity of his electronic diary. In episode one, the click of a cassette being inserted and a preparatory cough from Benn ensures that we are in for a privileged account of how Denis Healey was spattered with hollandaise sauce at Harold Wilson's farewell dinner in March 1976, and how Benn, one of the contenders for the occupancy of 10 Downing Street, was assured by an over-confident Barbara Castle: "Well, Wedgie, we *all* agree — the future is yours".

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending,* memorably the subject of Richard Bannerman's recently repeated *Kaleidoscope* feature on Radio 4, is one of the items in tonight's birds-of-a-feather concert. This time, it is not Iona Brown's violin that stands in for Vaughan Williams's lark, but Michael Bochmann's. Complementing this exquisite romance are Respighi's *The Birds,* Haydn's "Hen" Symphony and Rossini's *Thieving Magpie* overture. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes *(FM only)* **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow from South Bay, Scarborough **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.20** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris *(FM only)*

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Eurofolk In Concert: Reparigos from Galicia, Spain **9.30** Voices from Arcadia: Collecting folk songs (1/6) **9.00** Black Voices **9.30** Nigel Ogden: *The Organist Entertains* **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Charles Nove with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Top to Bottom **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Terry Nutkins' Nature **1.00** News *Update* **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** *Sportsbeat* **4.30** *Five Aside* **7.15** Vlad the Drac Superstar **7.30** Ian Chappell's Cricket Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: A Woman of the Pharisees **5.45** Country Style **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Party, Party **9.30** My Music **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** From Age to Age **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Artists in a Nutshell **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. A Woman of the Pharisees **3.45** Good Books **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** *Heute Aktuell* **5.00** News **5.10** *News About Britain* **5.15** *BBC English* **6.00** *World* News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Assignment **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Sports International **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Loved One **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

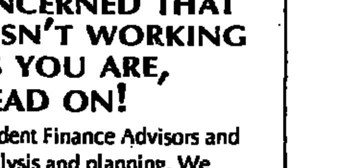
CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Evening Concert: *See Choice* **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **1.00-6.00am** *Robert Booth*

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

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Lewis and Christie to run for $300,000

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN NICE

FROM a lane of the M25, a deal has been struck to put Linford Christie and Carl Lewis in two lanes of the Gateshead stadium next week for the first 100 metres race between them since Britain's favourite athlete became Olympic champion 11 months ago. As befits the fastest man in history, Lewis will arrive in Britain by Concorde.

The negotiations have suffered a few false starts, but Christie and Lewis look like getting away this time. Andy Norman, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) promotions officer, took a call on his car phone from Joe Douglas, Lewis's manager, and agreed a price. "This is a great boost for the sport in Britain and also for Christie," Norman said yesterday.

Agreement was reached at the weekend, but it was not made public until yesterday. It is the race which did not take place at the Olympic Games because Lewis failed to qualify for the United States team through their sudden-death trials.

In 12 meetings over 100 metres, Lewis has finished ahead of the Briton on 11 occasions. It is four years since Christie finished ahead of Lewis, whose eight Olympic gold medals and eight world championship victories make him arguably the greatest athlete there has been.

Only ten days ago, Lewis was reported to have accused Christie of avoiding him in races, a criticism which Christie did not accept. "I guess he has finally caved into the pressure," Lewis said yesterday. "It is going to be good for the sport that we are able to compete, but there was no reason to have taken this long."

The delay has cost both men money. When Norman said in January that the race would be held in Las Vegas in May, subject to television negotiations, it was understood that Christie's cut would be $250,000 (£165,000). As the Olympics grew more distant, and the world championships more imminent, the less attractive the commercial proposition became. The athletes are understood to be sharing, probably equally, some $300,000 to race in Gateshead next Friday.

The race will be part of the Vauxhall invitation meeting and it seems likely that the cost will be met by the sponsor, ITV, which will cover the meeting, and the BAF. "The money is coming from various sources including, probably, us," Stuart McConachie, ITV's executive producer in charge of athletics, said.

By securing this match in Britain, instead of losing it to the United States, or to the grand prix in Zurich on August 4, Norman has shown that his federation is capable of delivering matches to catch the public's attention. It is a timely coup because the contract with ITV expires on March 31.

Christie, who at 33 is a year younger than Lewis, was at a photo-shot with his sponsor, Puma, yesterday and unavailable for comment. But he has been saying all year that any race with Lewis would be no more than a sniff of the wine: tasting does not begin until the world championships next month.

Lewis underlined the point yesterday. "Just because you win or lose at Gateshead, it does not mean you are going to win or lose in Stuttgart," he said. "This is the start of my push for the world championships and I feel confident."

Christie, though, should be confident too. Although he has had a wretched time at 200 metres this season, losing heavily in Rome and going out in the heats of the AAA championships last Saturday, he has remained a giant in the 100 metres. He has not lost in seven races at his Olympic winning distance this season. Gateshead will be the first time Lewis and Christie have raced each other in Britain.

In contrast with Lewis, an articulate talker and an athlete with a head for business, Christie has not cashed in on his Olympic success as well as he might have. However, he will retire not short of a bob or two after this deal, the richest for a track race in Britain, and his generous appearance fees each time he races in front of his home crowd.

The BAF women's advisory group is looking into statistics that suggest Christie is paid $45,000 a race in Britain (when Lewis is not in it) while Sally Gunnell, Britain's other Olympic champion, receives $15,000. Gwenda Ward, the women's advisory group secretary, could not confirm the figures but said "they do not surprise me".

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Bruno gets his chance

LENNOX Lewis is expected to meet Frank Bruno for the WBC world heavyweight championship, probably at Wembley Stadium, on October 1 or 15 in what promises to be a memorable month for British boxing. The rematch between Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank is already a firm booking for October 9 at Old Trafford.

Bruno came back into the reckoning after Lewis's proposed title defence against the WBO champion, Tommy Morrison, was delayed until February or March.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, has given instructions to print tickets for Lewis v Bruno, which will go on sale next Monday once he receives final confirmation for the contest.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Toeing the line: the footwork of Christiansen, of Denmark, is scrutinised by the umpire yesterday

England score record total in accounting for Denmark

BY IVO TENNANT

BANSTEAD: (Denmark won toss): England beat Denmark by 239 runs

WOMEN have been playing cricket in Denmark since 1976, all 150 of them. The highest score their representative side had made against England was 69, so you did not have to be Danish to feel for their batsmen in the World Cup yesterday as they embarked upon an attempt to pass a record total of 286 for 3. It was, alas, all rather embarrassing.

There were grave suspicions that Denmark had put England in to ensure they were not defeated before lunch. Their coach, Erik Juul, put it another way. "We do not want to lay down as a dog from the beginning," he said.

There is no doubting that this is a powerful England side. They have been coached by a Yorkshireman in Kevin Sharp, who had a blunt, northern outlook about what he might find in the women's game: "Lollipop throwing".

To his amazement, hard, flat throws rained in and batspersons — the announcer's one concession to feminism yesterday — were technically sound.

Janette Brittin is one such. Her innings yesterday, 104 off 149 balls, was made in culottes and without a helmet, and was her second century in the World Cup.

It propelled England to the highest total they have achieved in the five tournaments to date, beating anything they amassed in Rachael Heyhoe-Flint's day. And the bowlers were not pie-throwers.

Brittin is from Surrey, so this pleasant ground betwixt stockbroker belt and metropolis was the place for her to make runs. In addition, there were half-centuries for Helen Plimmer and Barbara Daniels.

All three were markedly quick to dispatch the loose ball but, although Sharp reckoned they and the other England players would hold their own in league cricket, comparisons with men are fanciful.

Brittin hit only two fours but it did not matter. By the end of her innings, Brittin was practically playing tip and run. Denmark's ground fielding was not up to their throwing, and when they batted, they seemed bewildered by movement off the seam.

This was hardly surprising given that they play on matting at home and have had only one warm-up game since arriving at their base in England, the dormitory at Charterhouse that once housed Peter May.

All seven Danish clubs are affiliated to men's sides. Indeed, when Denmark originally applied to join the International Women's Cricket Association, they were vetoed by England on the basis that they did not play single-sex cricket. Of the side that played yesterday, five are still at school. Two of them are to become students in Australia, so standards can only improve.

When Denmark collapsed to 10 for five — Debbie Maybury held two excellent slip catches, one of them to account for the captain, Janni Jonsson — the middle order settled for attempting to learn about English pitches and bowlers, notably Clare Taylor, whose splendid, match-winning figures were 12-5-13-4, and Carole Hodges, who ended the innings with a hat-trick.

Australian strength, page 40

ENGLAND

J A Brittin c V Nielsen b Mikkelsen	104
H C Plimmer c Thomsen b D Christiansen	77
C A Hodges run out	10
B A Daniels not out	60
J M Chamberlain not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 3, nb 1)	15
Total (3 wkts dec)	286

*K Smithies, D Maybury, S J Kitson, C E Taylor, †J Smit and G A Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-147, 2-166, 3-252.

BOWLING: Stobsager 11-1-41-0; Kjaer 10-0-46-0; Jonsson 12-2-51-0; S Nielsen 12-2-36-0; D Christiansen 7-0-46-1; Mikkelsen 8-0-53-1.

DENMARK

V Nielsen c Maybury b Taylor	2
†M Frost c Smit b Taylor	0
D Christiansen run out	0
*J Jonsson c Maybury b Taylor	0
T Christiansen c and b Hodges	23
K Mikkelsen c Smit b Taylor	0
L Stobsager c Smith b Kitson	8
S Nielsen c Smithies b Hodges	0
P Thomsen c Daniels b Hodges	0
J Jensen not out	0
H Kjaer c Smith b Hodges	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 7, nb 5)	14
Total	47

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-2, 4-5, 5-10, 6-46, 7-46, 8-47, 9-47.

BOWLING: Chamberlain 10-5-13-0; Taylor 12-5-13-4; Kitson 7-2-17-1; Hodges 4.5-2-3-4.

Umpires: A Garton and S Keen.

OTHER MATCH: Warrington: Holland 53 (J Calver 4-8); Australia 55-0. Australia won by 10 wickets.

Day of judgment for Marseilles

BY KEITH PIKE

FIFTY-six days after French football's finest hour, may come its moment of greatest shame. Today, Marseilles could be banned from defending the European Cup they won in May. Marseilles have been accused of bribing opponents to lose a French league match on May 20, six days before their 1-0 victory over AC Milan in Munich.

It was thought that Marseilles's fate would be decided on August 30, the date by which Uefa, the governing body of European football, has asked the French federation to nominate its participants for the European Cup next season.

However, the tempo of the affair rose unexpectedly on Sunday when Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, the world governing body, announced that Marseilles would be ejected immediately if Jean-Pierre Bernès, their general secretary, admitted to his involvement in the scandal. He has previously protested his innocence.

This morning, Bernès, who is suffering from depression, will be taken from the prison hospital where he has been for a fortnight, to come face to face with the four players who have accused him of attempted match-rigging.

The confrontation takes place before an investigating magistrate in Valenciennes. Three Valenciennes players — Robert Glassman, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga — are expected to repeat allegations that Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the Marseilles player, offered them 250,000 francs (about £29,000) to throw the game.

Eydelie has already admitted his involvement, saying that he did it at Bernès's behest. Robert has admitted he accepted the bribe but claimed he did so only after Bernès spoke to him and his two colleagues on the telephone.

"If it was revealed that Eydelie acted on behalf of or on the orders of ... Bernès, the European Cup-winning team would be internationally banned, and immediately," Blatter said on Sunday.

The outcome will be eagerly awaited in Glasgow and Blackburn. If Marseilles are expelled then Rangers, who finished runners-up to them in their Champions League qualifying group, may yet be asked to replay the 1993 final with Milan, although it is more likely the match will be declared void.

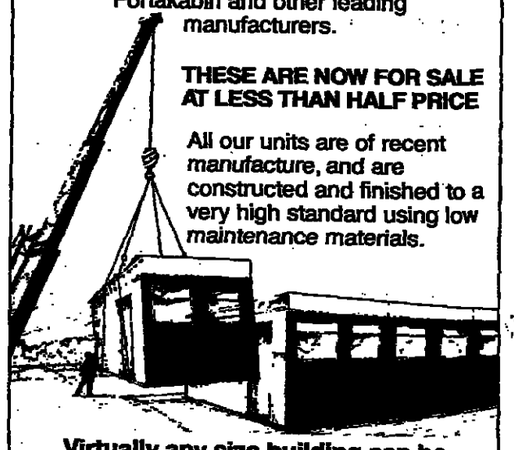
At the very least, Rangers could hope to be promoted from ninth seeds for the 1994 competition to eighth seeds, giving them an easier prospective second-round tie. Blackburn Rovers could also profit by being awarded a place in the Uefa Cup next season.

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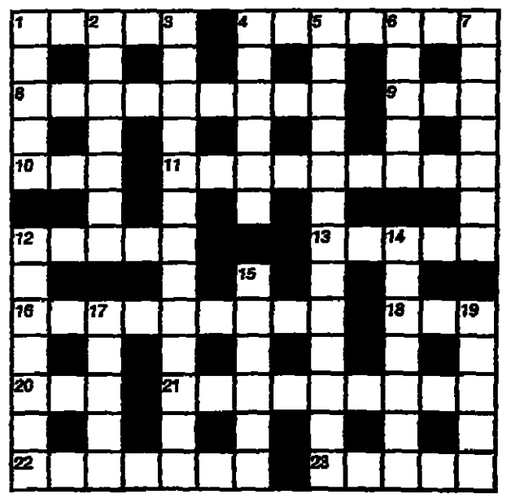
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1 Holy war (5)
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8 Recurring frequently (9)
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11 Maturing (7,2)
12 Dickens pickpockets' leader (5)
13 Boxing prize (5)
16 Rescuer (4,5)
18 Mine (3)
20 21st Greek letter (3)
21 Lovable (9)
22 Correctly (7)
23 Care for (5)

DOWN
1 Knucklebones game (5)
2 Downcast, furtive (7)
3 Trying hard (5,4,4)
4 Voucher (6)
5 Unduly egoistical (4,9)
6 Amid (5)
7 Elongated circle (7)
12 Igneous rocks (7)
14 Turtle, snake (7)
15 Very keenly (6)
17 Hurl (5)
19 Taut (5)

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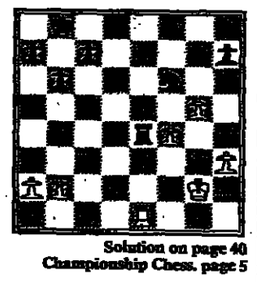
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This position is from the game Norwood - Crouch, Lloyds Bank Masters, London 1992. White is a piece down and if he is to get anything out of this game, he must use his king-side pawns very quickly. How can this best be accomplished?



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By Philip Howard

PISTILLODE
a. A poem against shooting
b. A lode of precious metal
c. A rudimentary pistil

STOMION
a. The entrance to a tomb
b. Opening to a hollow organ
c. Intro to a poem

BHUT
a. A conical hill
b. A glottal stop
c. A goblin

LAMINARIA
a. Flat brown seaweed
b. A canteen for cutlery
c. The under-wool of a sheep

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